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FOUR MEN DIED FOR THE LOOT THAT STILL AWAITED A CLAIMANT! BUT THERE WAS ANOTHER WHOSE GREED AND CUNNING WAS GREATER THAN THEIRS! HE WAS...

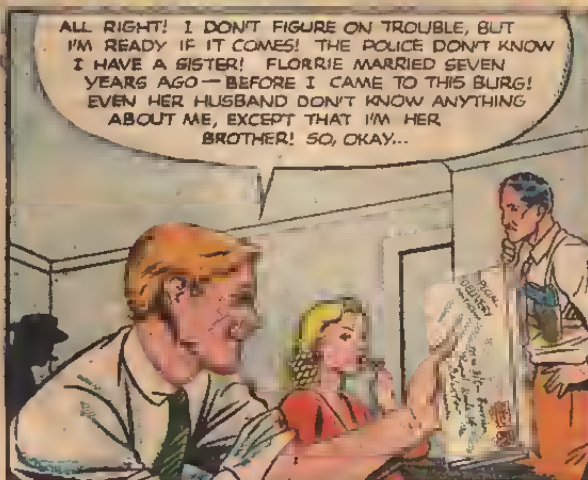
THE FIFTH MAN



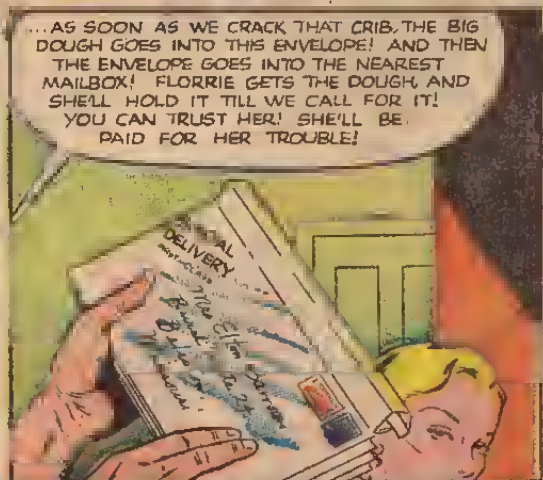
WELL, WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR? LET'S GO!

GOT EVERYTHING STRAIGHT? CARRY THIS OFF RIGHT, AND A HUNDRED GRAND PAYROLL IS OURS! FLORRIE'S MY SISTER AND SHE'S OKAY! SHE'LL FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS!

YEAH? HOW DOES FLORRIE RING IN ON THIS DEAL, LES?



ALL RIGHT! I DON'T FIGURE ON TROUBLE, BUT I'M READY IF IT COMES! THE POLICE DON'T KNOW I HAVE A SISTER! FLORRIE MARRIED SEVEN YEARS AGO—BEFORE I CAME TO THIS BURG! EVEN HER HUSBAND DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ME, EXCEPT THAT I'M HER BROTHER! SO, OKAY...

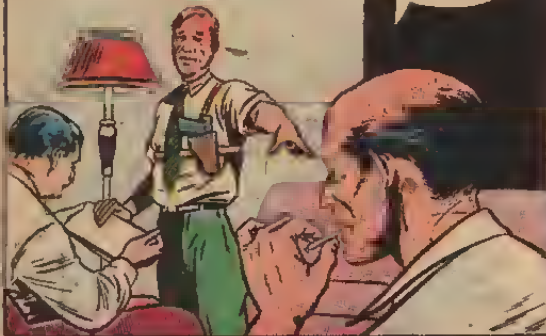


...AS SOON AS WE CRACK THAT CRIB, THE BIG DOUGH GOES INTO THIS ENVELOPE! AND THEN THE ENVELOPE GOES INTO THE NEAREST MAILBOX! FLORRIE GETS THE DOUGH, AND SHE'LL HOLD IT TILL WE CALL FOR IT! YOU CAN TRUST HER! SHE'LL BE PAID FOR HER TROUBLE!

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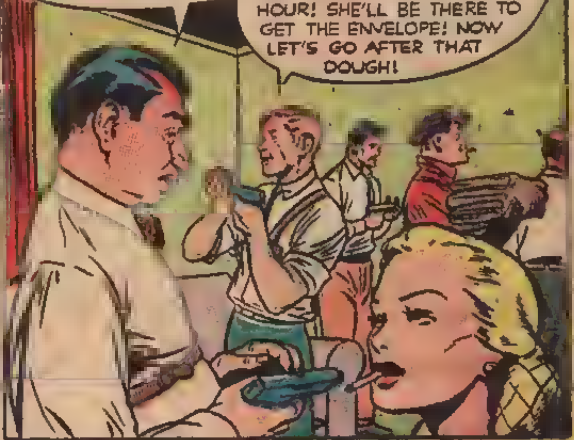
ALL OF YOU TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT THE NAME AND ADDRESS! DON'T WRITE A THING DOWN! THEN, IF...HEY, BENNY! LET ME GIVE YOU WARNING! THIS PLACE WE'RE CRACKING MAKES CELLULOID GADGETS, AND THAT STUFF CAN CATCH FIRE QUICKER THAN GUNPOWDER! SO NO SMOKING! REMEMBER!

SURE! SURE! THINK I'M A SAPP?



THE PLAN IS JAKE! AND IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO ANY OF US, THE SURVIVORS GET THE DOUGH! THAT'S UNDERSTOOD, HEY?

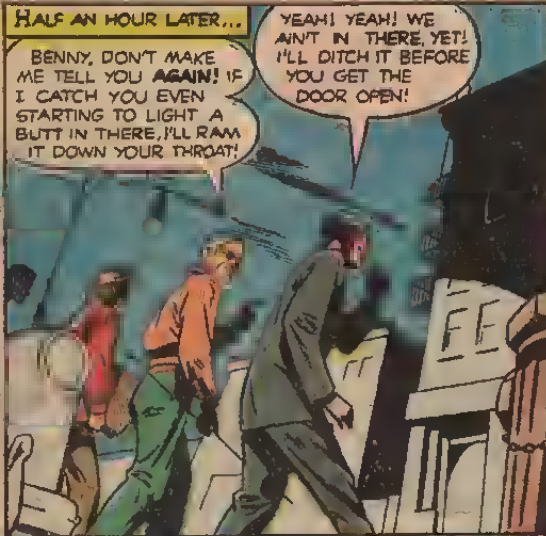
THAT'S UNDERSTOOD! FLORRIE'S OKAY! SHE'LL CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS! SHE'S TAKING A PLANE BACK TO MISSOURI IN AN HOUR! SHE'LL BE THERE TO GET THE ENVELOPE! NOW LET'S GO AFTER THAT DOUGH!



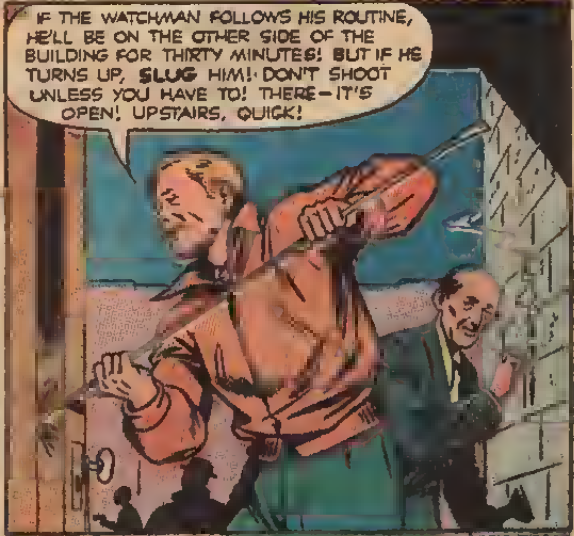
HALF AN HOUR LATER...

BENNY, DON'T MAKE ME TELL YOU AGAIN! IF I CATCH YOU EVEN STARTING TO LIGHT A BUTT IN THERE, I'LL RAM IT DOWN YOUR THROAT!

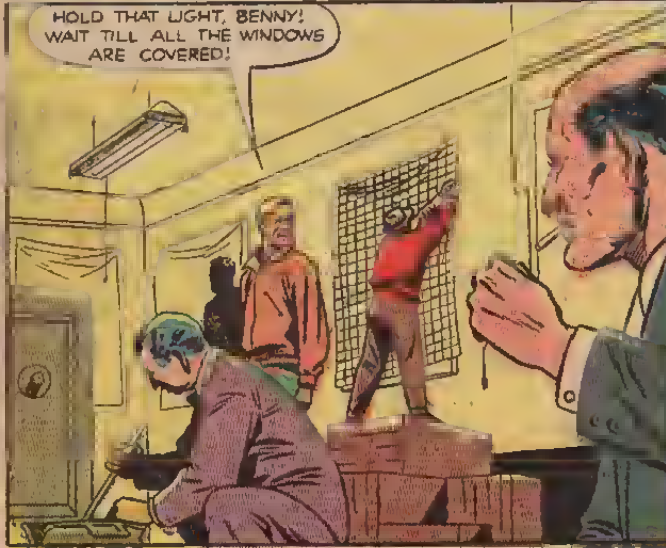
YEAH! YEAH! WE AIN'T IN THERE, YET! I'LL DITCH IT BEFORE YOU GET THE DOOR OPEN!



IF THE WATCHMAN FOLLOWS HIS ROUTINE, HE'LL BE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BUILDING FOR THIRTY MINUTES! BUT IF HE TURNS UP, SLUG HIM! DON'T SHOOT UNLESS YOU HAVE TO! THERE-IT'S OPEN! UPSTAIRS, QUICK!

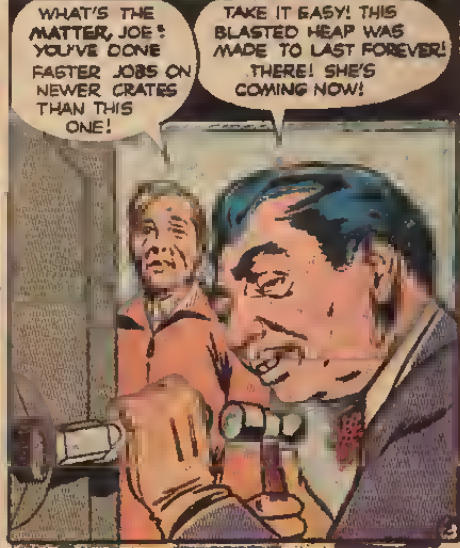


HOLD THAT LIGHT, BENNY! WAIT TILL ALL THE WINDOWS ARE COVERED!

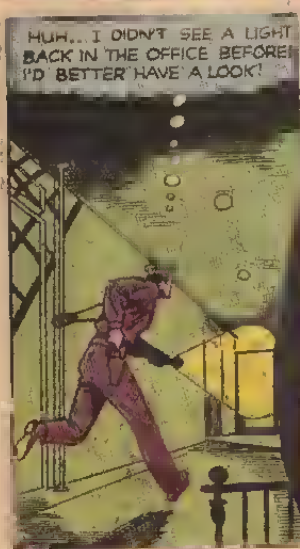


WHAT'S THE MATTER, JOE? YOU'VE DONE FASTER JOBS ON NEWER CRATES THAN THIS ONE!

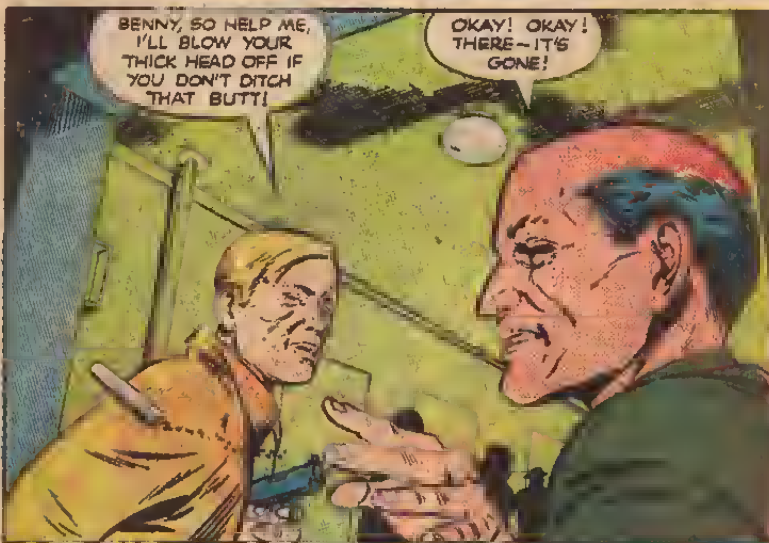
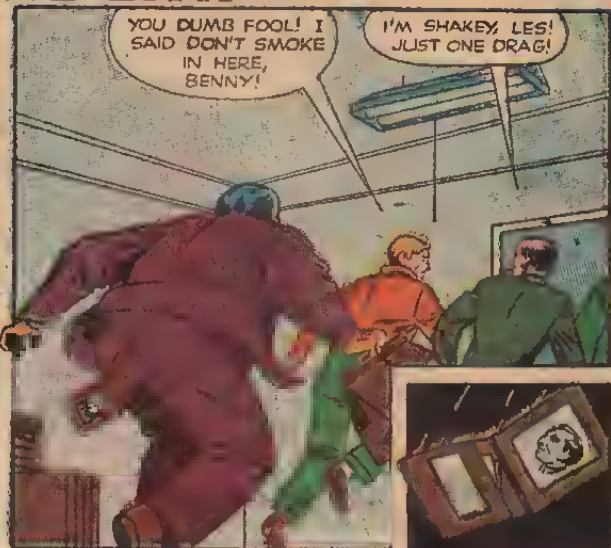
TAKE IT EASY! THIS BLASTED HEAP WAS MADE TO LAST FOREVER! THERE! SHE'S COMING NOW!



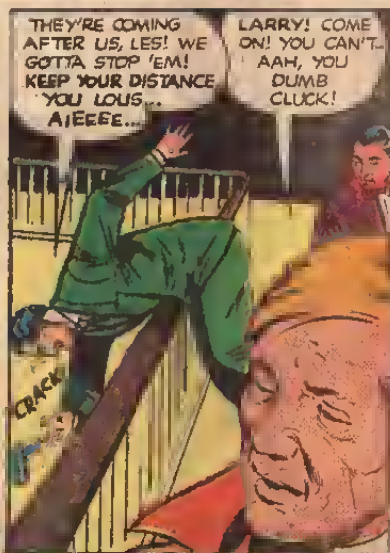
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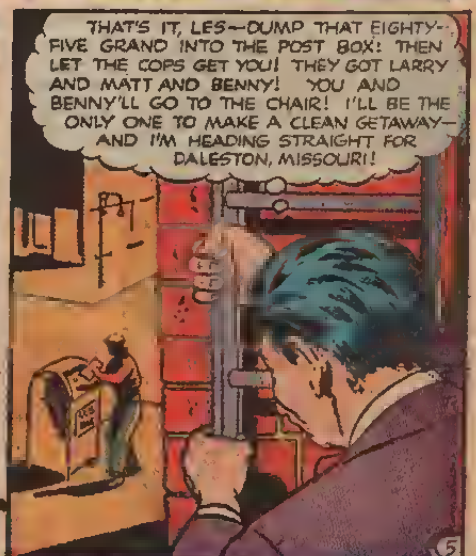
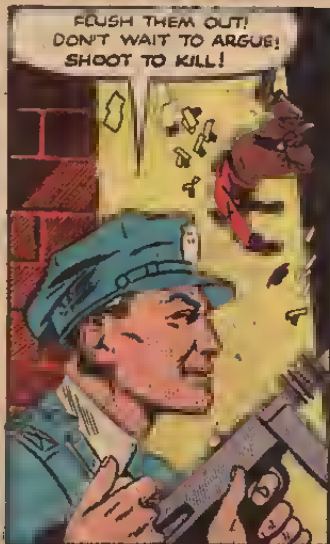
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THE WATCHMAN'S BODY, HIGHLY INFLAMMABLE CELLULOID, A CIGARETTE BURNING TOWARDS IT LIKE A FUSE, AND JOE HINES' WALLET! THEY WERE ALL THERE IN THAT ROOM, WHILE OUTSIDE, POLICE SIRENS SHRIEKED AND DIED DOWN AS PROWL CARS SCREECHED TO A STOP!



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WELL, ARE YOU GIVING UP OR DO YOU WANT IT THE HARD WAY?

NO! I'M THROUGH! DON'T SHOOT! THERE'S MY GUN!

BUT JOE HINES MADE IT! HE SCAMPERED ACROSS ROOFTOPS, SLIPPED SILENTLY DOWN THROUGH A TRAP DOOR INTO A BUILDING HALF A BLOCK AWAY, CAME OUT AND VANISHED INTO A SUBWAY ENTRANCE! MEANWHILE, A CIGARETTE WAS BURNING LIKE A FUSE... AND THEN...

LOOK OUT! WHAT THE DICKENS WAS THAT, O'NEILL?

CELLULOID, SMITTY! THERE'S TONS OF IT AROUND! WE'VE GOT TO CLEAR OUT! THIS WHOLE PLACE MAY GO UP IN A FEW MINUTES!



THE FIREMEN CAME-FIVE COMPANIES! THEY HELD THE FIRE TO THE TOP FLOOR, BUT IT DID ITS WORK...

THAT POOR GUY HAD A CLOCK AT HIS SIDE--THE KIND WATCHMEN CARRY! I THINK THAT'S WHO HE WAS! HE ALSO HAD A BULLET HOLE IN HIM! I FIGURE THE GUYS WE CAUGHT HERE SHOT HIM, THEN TRIED TO DESTROY THE EVIDENCE OF MURDER WITH FIRE!

I DOUBT THAT, MONAHAN! SURE, THEY SHOT HIM, BUT SOMEBODY PROBABLY GOT CARELESS WITH A CIGARETTE... OH, WELL, THAT DOESN'T MATTER NOW!

NO CHANCE GETTING A PRINT OFF THIS THING!

HEY, MONAHAN--LOOK! THE CHARRED REMAINS OF A WALLET!



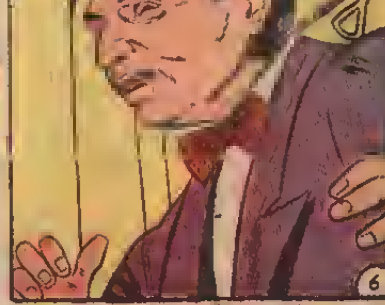
WHAT DO YOU THINK, MONAHAN? MAYBE ONE OF THEM DROPPED IT HERE!

MAYBE! BUT THAT THING'LL BLOW AWAY IF YOU SNEEZE AT IT! ANYHOW, WE DON'T NEED IT! WE GOT THE GANG, AND WE GOT THEIR GUNS! WE'LL GET THE SLUG OUT OF THE WATCH-
MAN, AND CELLULOID CAN DO THE REST!

AT THAT MOMENT, JOE HINES WAS MANY MILES AWAY! HE DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE FIRE! HE DIDN'T KNOW HIS WALLET HAD BEEN DESTROYED! IN FACT, HE DIDN'T KNOW HE HAD DROPPED IT, UNTIL...

LET'S SEE, NOW! GOT ABOUT A GRAND IN MY WALLET TO...HEY! WHERE IS MY WALLET? WHERE'D I DROP IT? MAYBE NEAR THE SAFE...WHEN I BENT DOWN TO PICK UP THE TOOLS...

IF THE COPS FIND THAT WALLET, I'LL FRY! THEY'LL HAVE EVERYTHING--NAME, ADDRESS--EVEN A PICTURE! GOTTA GET LOST, AND QUICK!

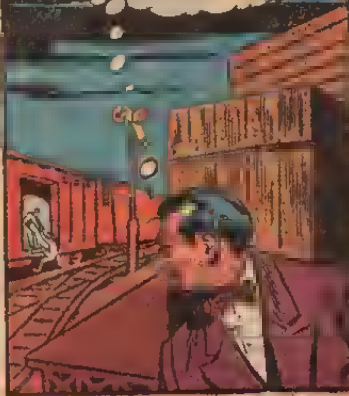


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JUST MY LUCK—ALWAYS STINKO! IT'S A MURDER RAP THIS TIME! GOSS AND BENNY I WILL CLAM UP, BUT THAT WALLET IS GONNA FINGER ME! HOW CAN I GET OUTTA TOWN?



BETTER NOT TRY A FREIGHT! I DON'T TRUST THOSE 'BOES... THEY'D REMEMBER ME AND WHERE I GOT OFF! AND THEY'D TIP THE COPS FOR A COUPLE OF BUCKS! BUT I COULD RIDE THE RODS!



JOE HINES DIDN'T CARE WHERE THE TRAIN WAS GOING! HE WAS MAKING HIS GETAWAY! ANYWHERE WAS GOOD ENOUGH!

NOW WHAT? I GET TO CHI, MAYBE, OR L.A. OKAY! BUT SOON THEY HAVE MY MUG TACKLED UP ON EVERY POLICE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE COUNTRY! THEN I GET PICKED UP ANYHOW! I GOT TO DO SOMETHING—CHANGE WHAT I LOOK LIKE—MY FACE, TEETH, FINGERPRINTS—EVERYTHING!



MEANWHILE, LESTER GOSS WAS TAKING A POLICE GRILLING IN HIS STRIDE...

DON'T BE A SAP, GOSS! YOU AREN'T DOING YOURSELF ANY GOOD! I THINK YOU'RE LYING! YOU DIDN'T DROP THAT MONEY BACK THERE!

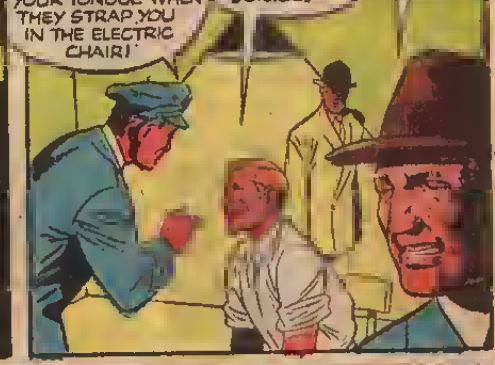
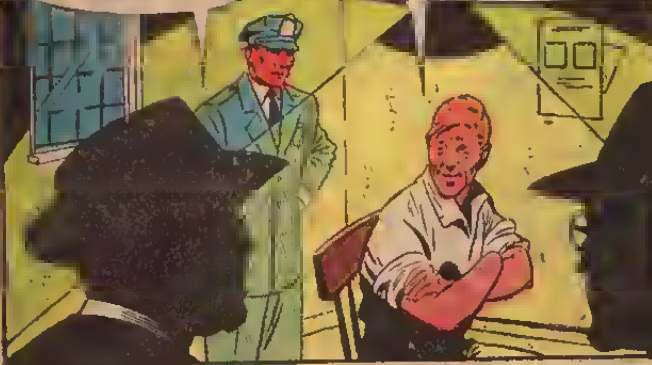
STOP TO COUNT IT, BUT IF THERE'S STILL SOME MISSING, WELL, IT MUST'VE FALLEN OUT OF MY POCKET! YOU SAID THERE WAS A FIRE, SO IT GOT BURNED!

LOOK! YOU FOUND ALL THE DOUGH WE GOT AWAY WITH! I DIDN'T WANT WITH THAT STORY ABOUT LOSING THE MONEY IF YOU WANT TO, BUT I'LL BET YOU'LL LOOSEN YOUR TONGUE WHEN THEY STRAP YOU IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR!

GOSS, BALLISTICS SAYS YOUR GUN KILLED THE NIGHT WATCHMAN! STICK WITH THAT STORY ABOUT LOSING THE MONEY IF YOU WANT TO, BUT I'LL BET YOU'LL LOOSEN YOUR TONGUE WHEN THEY STRAP YOU IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR!

ELECTRIC CHAIR? ME? I DIDN'T SHOOT THAT NIGHT WATCHMAN! HE GRABBED THE GUN FROM ME AND WHEN HE SAW WHAT WE DID TO HIS PRETTY SAFE, HE COMMITTED SUICIDE!

AW, GET THAT WISE GUY OUT OF HERE, BEATON!



WELL, WE DIDN'T GET ANY MORE OUT OF GOSS THAN WE DID OUT OF BENNY RICH! BUT THEY'LL BOTH FRY! THEN WHAT GOOD WILL THE MONEY DO THEM? OF COURSE, THEY MIGHT HAVE SLIPPED IT TO SOMEBODY!

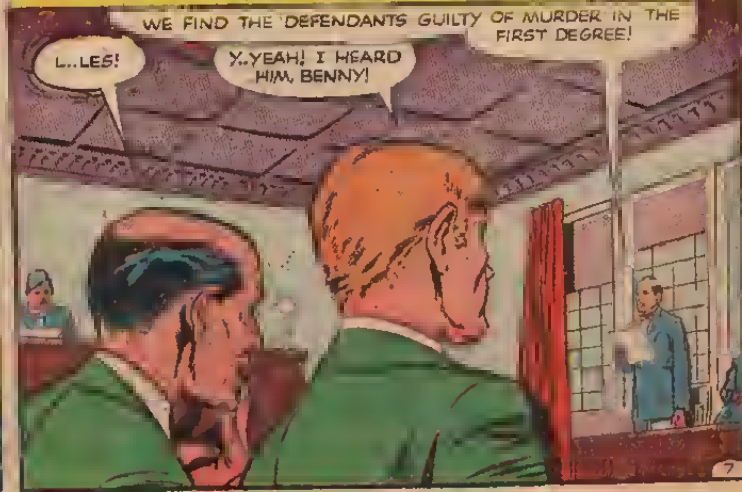
NOT LIKELY... UNLESS THERE WAS A FIFTH MAN! MAYBE THE DOUGH'S STASHED IN THE BUILDING! LET'S GO OVER IT AGAIN!

GOSS AND RICH WERE COCKY ALL THROUGH THEIR TRIAL—UNTIL THE VERDICT WAS READ! YOU DON'T STAY COCKY WHEN YOU KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO DIE!

WE FIND THE DEFENDANTS GUILTY OF MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE!

L...LES!

Y...YEAH! I HEARD HIM, BENNY!



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MEANWHILE, SOMEWHAT THE WORSE FOR WEAR, JOE HINES ARRIVED IN ST. PAUL! THE FIRST THING HE DID WAS TO PULL A COUPLE OF STICKUPS TO REPLENISH HIS PURSE! BY THIS TIME, HE HAD MADE UP HIS MIND ON A COURSE OF ACTION, AND LATE THAT NIGHT...

B...BUT I CAN'T SELL YOU PRUSSIC ACID WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION! IT'S AGAINST THE LAW!

MISTER, IT'S AGAINST THE LAW TO SHOOT A MAN, BUT THAT'S WHAT I'M GOING TO DO TO YOU UNLESS YOU TROT THAT STUFF OUT HERE!



ALL RIGHT! NOW PLEASE GET OUT—OHOOO!

THERE! THAT'LL KEEP YOU QUIET FOR A WHILE! NOW I'LL JUST HELP MYSELF TO THE CONTENTS OF YOUR SAFE AND CASH REGISTER, TOO!



YEAH, JUST FOR TONIGHT, LADY! I'VE GOT MONEY HERE—IN ADVANCE!

VERY WELL, MISTER! JUST DON'T GET NOISY!



I GOT TO REALIZE THIS IS GOING TO HURT, AND HURT, BAD! BUT I HAVE TO DESTROY MY FINGERPRINTS OR THEY'LL DESTROY ME! THAT BLASTED WALLET! I GOT TO KEEP THINKING HOW I'LL CHEAT THE HOT SEAT!



OH-H-H, LORD, LET ME PASS OUT! CAN'T STAND IT! I CAN'T STAND IT! CAN'T...



YES, JOE HINES PASSED OUT, BUT ONLY FOR TEN MINUTES OR SO! HE REVIVED TO SUFFER TORTURES THROUGH THE NIGHT! EARLY, THE FOLLOWING DAY...

PAL, DON'T I KNOW YOU FROM SOMEWHERE? BACK EAST, MAYBE?

HUH? UH... NO, I... I'M FROM OREGON!

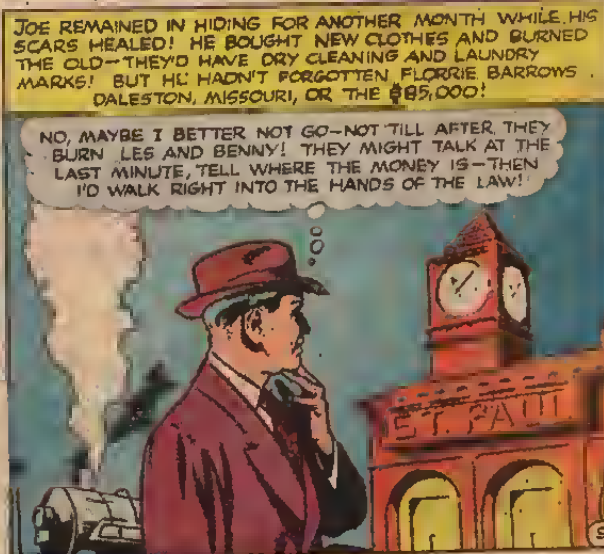
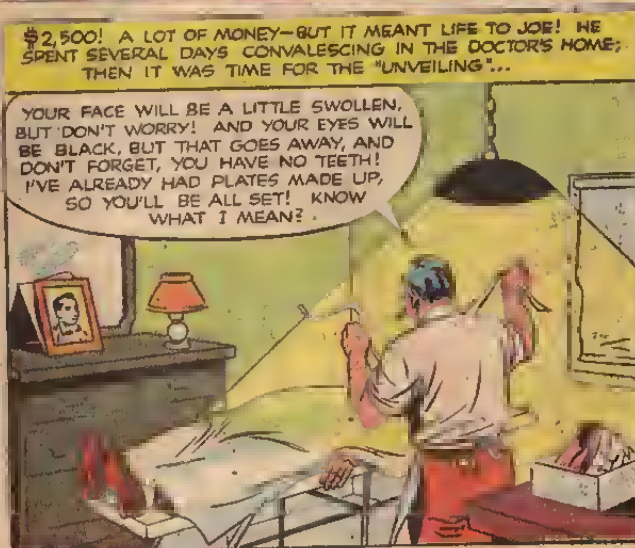
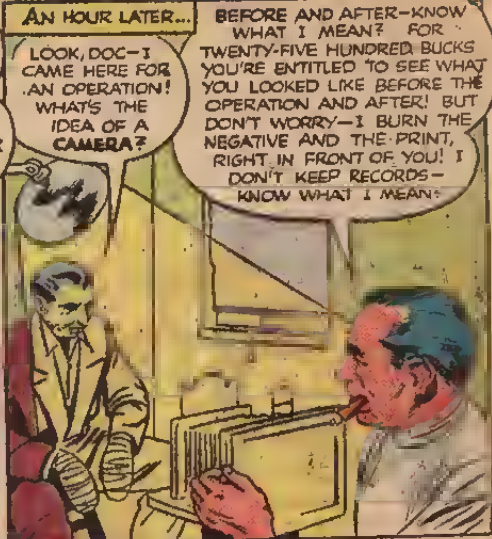


SURE, SURE, PAL! YOU SAY OREGON, SO IT'S OREGON! I COULD TELL YOU'RE NOT FROM AROUND HERE!

YEAH? WHAT'S THAT MEAN?



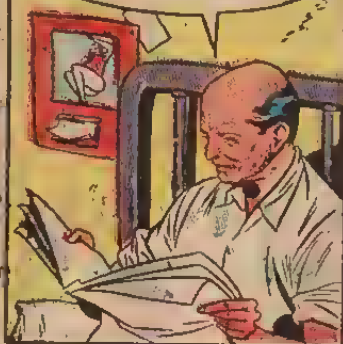
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NEARLY TWO MONTHS PASSED BEFORE LESTER GOSS AND BENNY RICH WENT TO THEIR DEATHS IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR! JOE HINES' MONEY HAD LONG SINCE GIVEN OUT, AND IN HIS NEW SCHEME HE DIDN'T WANT TO TRY ANY MORE HOLDUPS! HE HAD REACHED DAVENPORT, IOWA, BY THAT TIME, WALKING MOST OF THE WAY!

SO LES AND BENNY FINALLY GOT IT! AND THEY DIDN'T SPILL WHERE THE MONEY IS! BIG HEROES! TOUGH—AND DEAD! I GET THE WHOLE EIGHTY-FIVE GRAND! FOR WHAT I'VE BEEN THROUGH, I'VE EARNED IT! BUT WHAT I WOULDN'T GIVE RIGHT NOW FOR A GOOD SQUARE MEAL!



WELL, I GOT OVER FOUR HUNDRED MILES TO GO! IF I COULD ONLY GET A LIFT FOR A FEW MILES! AH, A CAR... HEY, MISTER—GIVE ME A BREAK!



AAH! ALL I WANTED WAS A RIDE! GUESS I CAN'T BLAME PEOPLE FOR NOT STOPPING, THOUGH! I MUST LOOK LIKE A BUM! ME, A BUM... WITH EIGHTY-FIVE GRAND? HA!



ON, ON WENT JOE, DOGGEDLY HEADING FOR THE POT OF GOLD AT THE END OF THE RAINBOW...

LOOK OUT, YOU... AW, WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE? IT CAN'T MAKE ME ANY WETTER!



A DAY OR TWO LATER, FLORRIE BARROWS WAS IN THE FARMHOUSE PARLOR, READING MORE NEWS ABOUT HER LATE BROTHER! HE WAS A LOCAL BOY, NOTHING TO BE PROUD OF, BUT STILL NEWS!

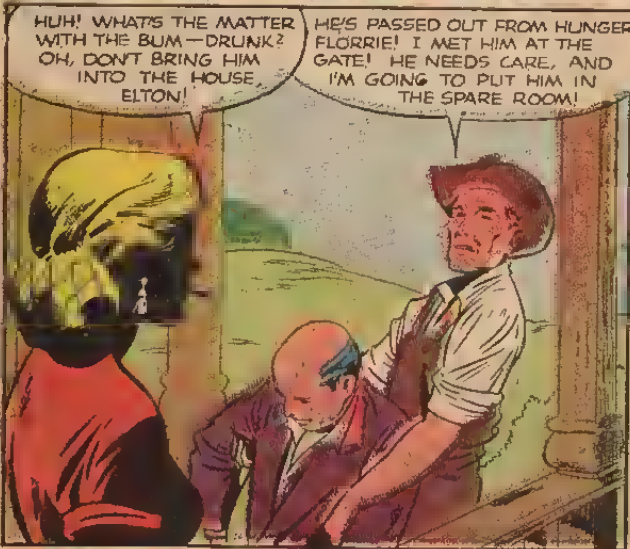
HE'S DEAD! WHY DON'T THEY FORGET HIM NOW! I HAVE EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS—ALL MY OWN—AND IN A COUPLE OF YEARS, WHEN THE HEAT'S OFF, LITTLE FLORRIE IS GOING TO TAKE A NICE VACATION FROM THIS FARM... AND NEVER COME BACK!

FLORRIE! FLORRIE! COME, QUICK!



HUH! WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THE BUM—DRUNK? OH, DON'T BRING HIM INTO THE HOUSE, ELTON!

HE'S PASSED OUT FROM HUNGER, FLORRIE! I MET HIM AT THE GATE! HE NEEDS CARE, AND I'M GOING TO PUT HIM IN THE SPARE ROOM!

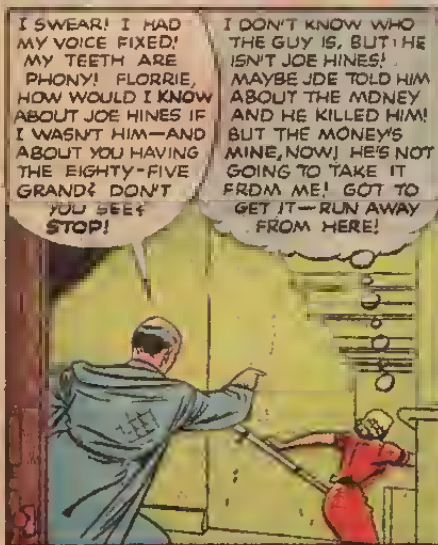


NOT ON MY CLEAN BEDSPREAD, ELTON! AND GET HIS DIRTY SHOES OFF! I HOPE YOU DON'T THINK I'M GOING TO PUT UP WITH HAVING A TRAMP IN MY HOME!

DON'T WORRY, FLORRIE! HE'LL BE BETTER IN A FEW DAYS! HE JUST NEEDS FOOD AND REST, THEN I'LL SEND HIM ON HIS WAY!



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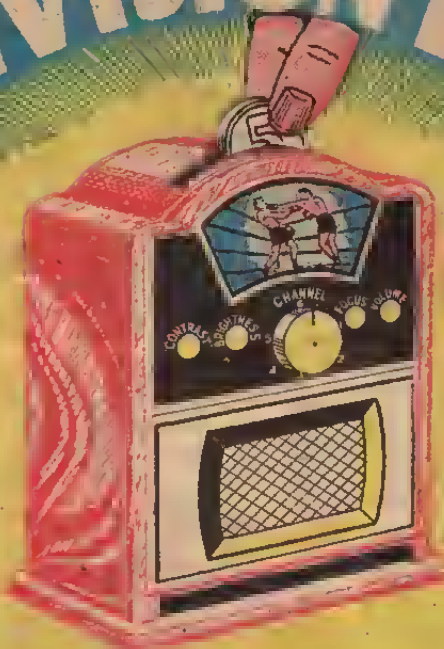
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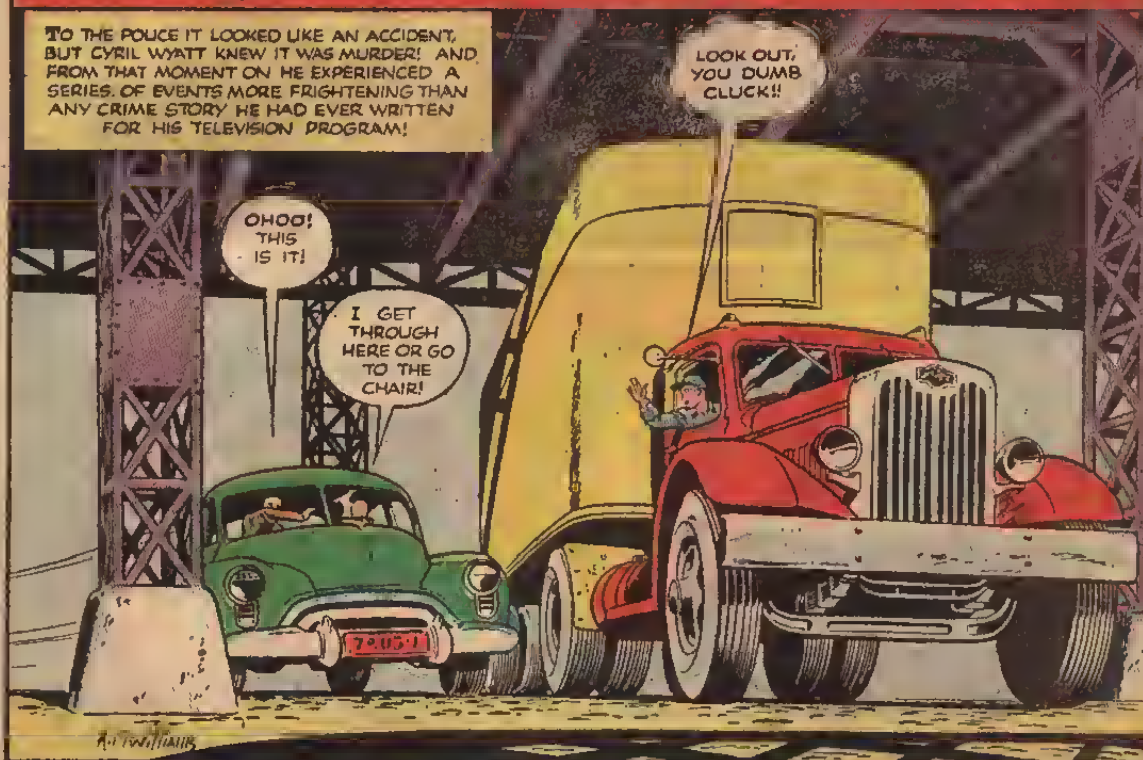
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CYRIL WYATT, TELEVISION SCRIPT WRITER, WAS ON A STILL-HUNT FOR A REAL-LIFE CRIME STORY, BUT HE NEVER EXPECTED TO PLAY A LEADING ROLE IN

The Case of THE RED-HEADED KILLER

TO THE POLICE IT LOOKED LIKE AN ACCIDENT, BUT CYRIL WYATT KNEW IT WAS MURDER! AND FROM THAT MOMENT ON HE EXPERIENCED A SERIES OF EVENTS MORE FRIGHTENING THAN ANY CRIME STORY HE HAD EVER WRITTEN FOR HIS TELEVISION PROGRAM!



IT WAS ON A BLEAK DAY IN NOVEMBER, 1948! THE PLACE: NEW YORK CITY...

CONWAY, WHERE THE BLAZES IS THAT SCRIPT FOR THE CRIMINAL CODE PROGRAM? IT GOES ON IN THREE DAYS! I HAVE THE ACTORS READY, BUT I CAN'T DIRECT A TELEVISION PLAY WITHOUT A SCRIPT!

I'VE GOT CYRIL WYATT WITH ME RIGHT NOW, JACK! WE'RE IRONING OUT SOME THINGS! I'LL GET THE SCRIPT TO YOU SOON AS POSSIBLE!

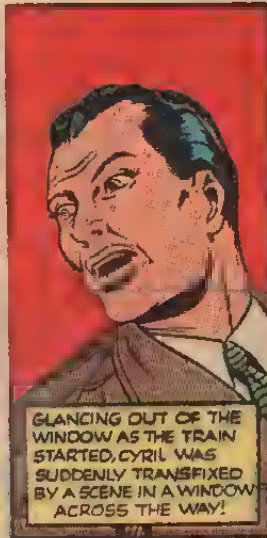
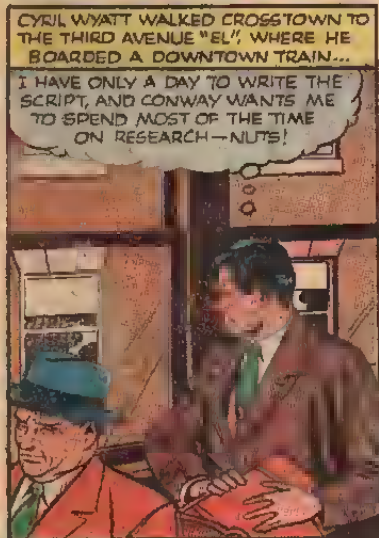
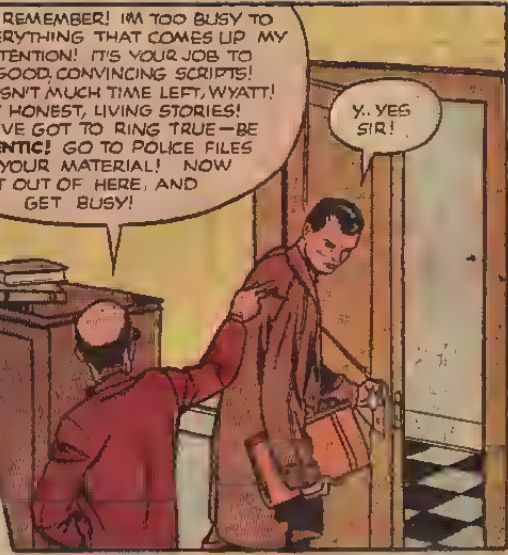
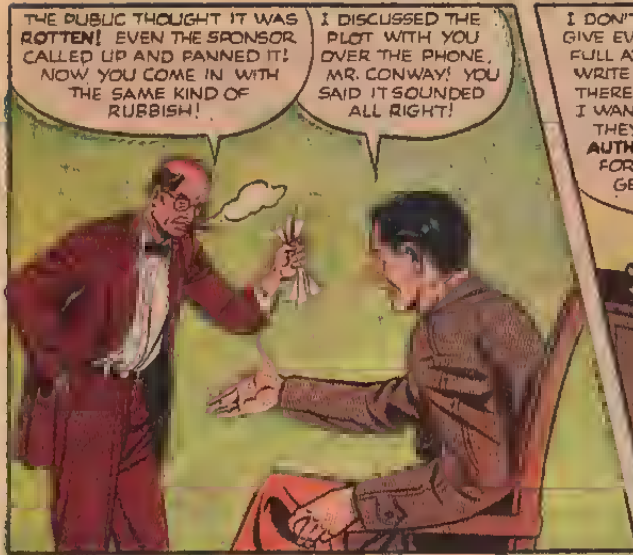


SEE THESE LETTERS, WYATT? THEY CAME POURING IN HERE RIGHT AFTER LAST WEEK'S TELECAST OF YOUR STORY! PROTESTS! EVERY LETTER SAYS THE SAME THING! YOUR PLAY HAD NO BASIS IN FACT—FULL OF HOLES! IDIOTIC DRIVEL!

I... I THOUGHT IT WAS PRETTY GOOD, MR. CONWAY!



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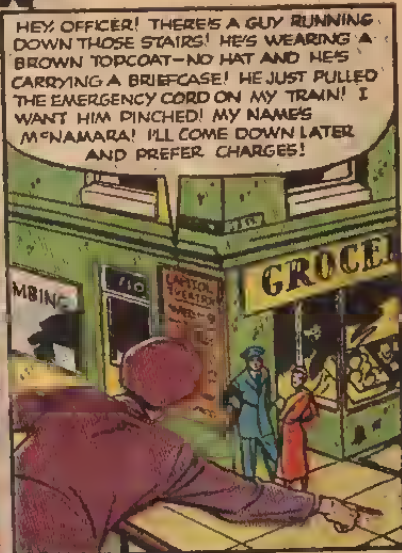


STOP THAT GUY!
BOY, WHEN I
LAY MY HANDS
ON YOU...

MADE IT!
LUCKY THE TRAIN
WASN'T QUITE
OUT OF THE
STATION!



COME BACK
HERE, YOU
TROUBLE-
MAKER!



HEY, OFFICER! THERE'S A GUY RUNNING
DOWN THOSE STAIRS! HE'S WEARING A
BROWN TOPCOAT—NO HAT AND HE'S
CARRYING A BRIEFCASE! HE JUST PULLED
THE EMERGENCY CORD ON MY TRAIN! I
WANT HIM PINCHED! MY NAME'S
MCNAMARA! I'LL COME DOWN LATER
AND PREFER CHARGES!



ALL RIGHT,
BUDDY! YOU'D
BETTER COME
ALONG WITH
ME!

WAIT, OFFICER! I JUST
SAW A MURDER BEING
COMMITTED IN THAT
APARTMENT UP THERE!
A RED-HEADED MAN
STABBED ANOTHER MAN!
I SAW IT FROM THE
TRAIN WINDOW!



NO, FAVIAN! I
DIDN'T SEE ANY
RED-HEADED
MAN COME OUT!
NOBODY'S COME
OUT SINCE WE
MET HERE
TEN MINUTES
AGO!

THEN IF THERE
WAS A KILLER
UP THERE HE'S
STILL THERE!
YOU SURE YOU
DIDN'T DREAM
THIS, BUDDY?

OF COURSE
I'M SURE! I'LL
GO UP WITH
YOU!



THAT APARTMENT,
EH? YEAH, I RENTED
IT TWO WEEKS
AGO TO A MAN
NAMED BRENNAN!
IS SOMETHING
WRONG?

THERE'D
BETTER BE, OR
SOMEONE'S
GOING TO GET
A FAST RIDE TO
THE OBSERVATION
WARD AT
BELLEVUE! COME
ON, TAKE
US UP!



... PEOPLE COMING! THAT
GUY ON THE TRAIN MUST'VE
CALLED A COP! WE WON'T
LOSE OUR HEAD, EH, JERRY?
WE CAN MAKE IT LOOK LIKE
YOU HAD AN ACCIDENT—AT
LEAST LONG ENOUGH FOR ME
TO GET AWAY! LET THE GUY
SAY HE SAW ME HERE!
THEY'LL THINK HE'S
CRAZY!



YOU WERE CUTTING BREAD, JERRY,
AND YOU TRIPPED ON A FLOOR-
BOARD, FELL ON THE KNIFE! THAT
MAKES A PRETTY CLEVER
ACCIDENT, EH, JERRY?

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A FEW MINUTES LATER...

PHEW! YOU REALLY GOT YOURSELF AN EYFUL, BUDDY! DON'T GO AWAY!

G. GOSH, THAT'S MR. BRENNAN!



HE COULDN'T BE DEADDER! YOU, SUPER, STAY UP HERE WITH SHERLOCK AND HELP HIM KEEP THIS STIFF COMPANY! I HAVE TO GO DOWN AND CALL HEADQUARTERS! DON'T TOUCH ANYTHING!



AND WHEN THE BOYS FROM HOMICIDE ARRIVED...

LOOKS LIKE AN ACCIDENT. DOESN'T IT, NOLAN?

MAYBE... FAVIAN, DID YOU LOOK FOR THE RED-HEADED GUY THIS SO-CALLED WITNESS SAYS HE SAW?

SURE, BUT THERE'S NO PLACE TO HIDE HERE, NOLAN!

OH, I DID SEE HIM... I GOT A GOOD LOOK AT HIM FROM THE "EL" TRAIN... I'LL NEVER FORGET THAT FACE!

NO CLEAR PRINTS ON THIS KNIFE! ONLY SMUDGES!



TAKE A SQUINT OUT THE FRONT WINDOW, FAVIAN! I'LL CASE THE AIR SHAFT!

THAT GUY WILL NEVER FORGET MY FACE, HE SAYS! I'LL REMEMBER HIS, TOO! GEE, I GOTTA MOVE FROM HERE!



IF THERE WAS ANYBODY HERE, HE MUST HAVE HAD WINGS TO GET OUT OF THIS FLAT! FAVIAN WAS IN FRONT OF THE PLACE, AND THE SUPER SAYS ANYONE TRYING TO SCRAM OUT THE BACK WAY WOULD HAVE TO GO THROUGH THIS APARTMENT IN THE BASEMENT! WE'VE GONE OVER THE ENTIRE BUILDING!

BUT I SAW HIM! I COULD PICK THAT RED-HEADED MAN OUT OF A CROWD OF A THOUSAND! YOU FIND HIM AND I'LL IDENTIFY HIM!



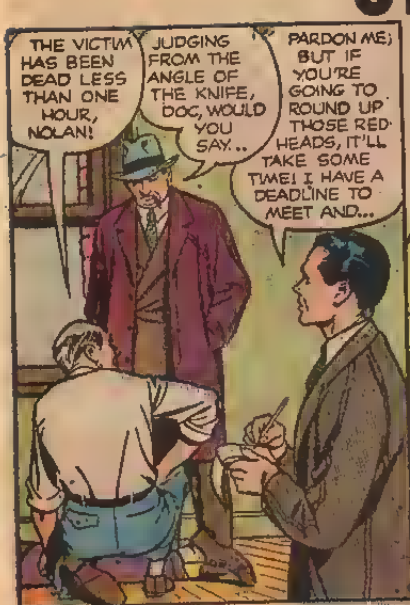
SO WHAT DO YOU WANT US TO DO—GATHER ALL THE RED-HEADS IN THE CITY AND LET YOU LOOK AT 'EM? BROWN, CALL THE MORGUE AND TELL THEM TO SEND A WAGON OVER!

NO SOAP, NOLAN...THERE'S NOBODY OUT THERE! AND HE COULDN'T HAVE JUMPED!

YES, SIR!



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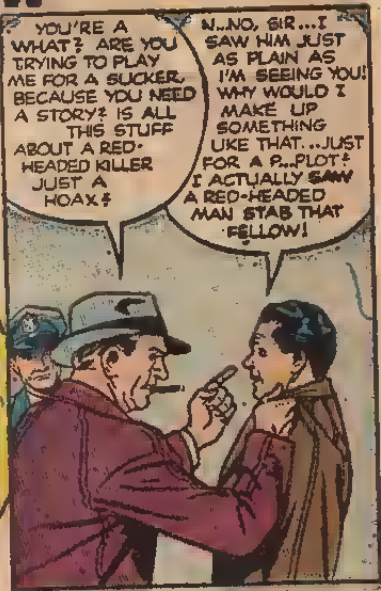
THE VICTIM HAS BEEN DEAD LESS THAN ONE HOUR, NOLAN!

JUDGING FROM THE ANGLE OF THE KNIFE, DOC, WOULD YOU SAY...

PARDON ME, BUT IF YOU'RE GOING TO ROUND UP THOSE RED-HEADS, I'LL TAKE SOME TIME! I HAVE A DEADLINE TO MEET AND...

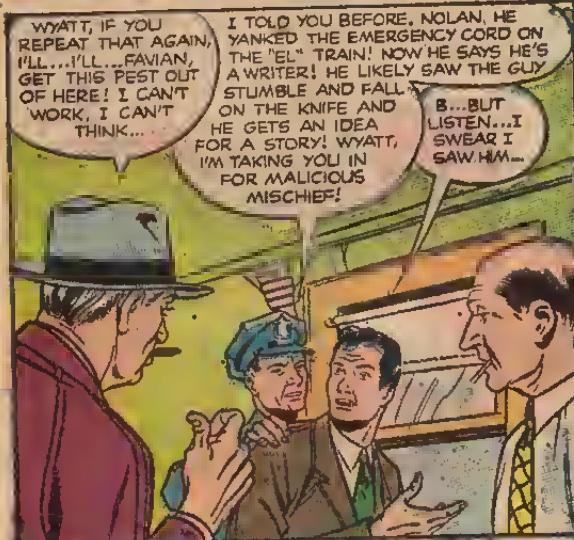
I SAY, WYATT, WHAT ARE YOU WRITING IN THAT NOTE-BOOK?

WELL, IT'S LIKE THIS, I'M A WRITER FOR TELEVISION SHOWS, AND MR. CONWAY, THE SCRIPT EDITOR, SAYS I'VE GOT TO BE MORE CONVINCING, MORE REALISTIC, SO WHEN I SAW THIS RED-HEADED MAN...



YOU'RE A WHAT? ARE YOU TRYING TO PLAY ME FOR A SUCKER, BECAUSE YOU NEED A STORY? IS ALL THIS STUFF ABOUT A RED-HEADED KILLER JUST A HOAX?

N...NO, SIR...I SAW HIM JUST AS PLAIN AS I'M SEEING YOU! WHY WOULD I MAKE UP SOMETHING LIKE THAT...JUST FOR A P...PLOT? I ACTUALLY SAW A RED-HEADED MAN STAB THAT FELLOW!



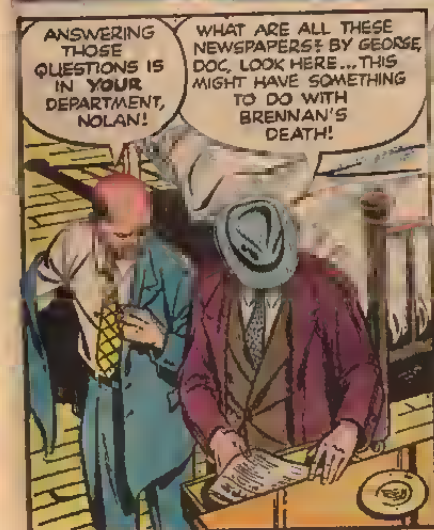
WYATT, IF YOU REPEAT THAT AGAIN, I'LL...I'LL...FANIAN, GET THIS PEST OUT OF HERE! I CAN'T WORK, I CAN'T THINK...

I TOLD YOU BEFORE, NOLAN, HE YANKED THE EMERGENCY CORD ON THE 'EL' TRAIN! NOW HE SAYS HE'S A WRITER! HE LIKELY SAW THE GUY STUMBLE AND FALL ON THE KNIFE AND HE GETS AN IDEA FOR A STORY! WYATT, I'M TAKING YOU IN FOR MALICIOUS MISCHIEF!

B...BUT LISTEN...I SWEAR I SAW HIM...

IT'S MY OPINION, NOLAN, JUDGING FROM THE ANGLE THE BLADE ENTERED, THAT THE VICTIM WAS STABBED... AND YET, TO ALL OTHER APPEARANCES, HE WAS CUTTING BREAD, TRIPPED, ON A FLOORBOARD, AND FELL ON THE KNIFE...

LOOK, THIS FRYING PAN WAS ALREADY COLD WHEN WE CAME IN! THERE ARE DISHES IN THE SINK...NONE ON THE TABLE! BRENNAN HAD ALREADY EATEN! THEN WHY WOULD HE BE SLICING BREAD? WHY WOULD HE USE THAT KNIFE WHEN THERE WAS A BREAD KNIFE ON THE TABLE?



ANSWERING THOSE QUESTIONS IS IN YOUR DEPARTMENT, NOLAN!

WHAT ARE ALL THESE NEWSPAPERS BY GEORGE, DOC, LOOK HERE...THIS MIGHT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH BRENNAN'S DEATH!

THESE PAPERS DATE BACK TWO WEEKS, AND EVERY ONE IS TURNED TO A PAGE THAT CARRIES AN ITEM ABOUT THE THEATER HOLDUP, WHERE THE CASHIER WAS SHOT! YOU REMEMBER THE CASE, DOC - WHERE TWO MASKED MEN GOT AWAY WITH THE NIGHT'S RECEIPTS... \$12,000!

IF THE CASHIER DIDN'T DIE, I WASN'T IN ON IT, NOLAN!

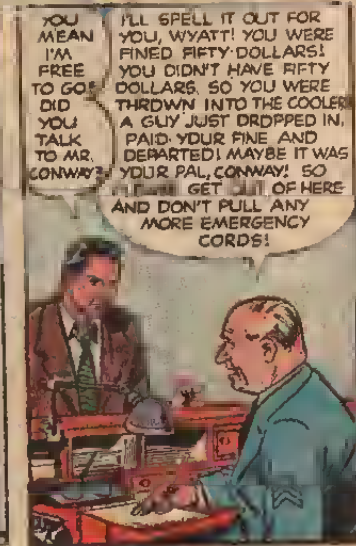
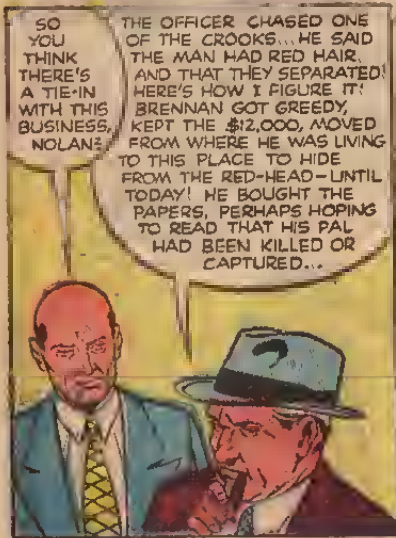


THE CASHIER WAS MAKING OUT HIS TIME SHEETS, ABOUT TO CLOSE UP THE TICKET BOOTH FOR THE NIGHT! THE DOORMAN HAD ALREADY GONE! TWO THUGS APPEARED AT THE BOOTH AND FORCED THE CASHIER TO OPEN THE DOOR.

ONE PEEP OUT OF YOU, STOOP, AND YOU'RE A DEAD DUCK...MAKE IT FAST, EDDIE!

CASHIER

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INSIDE
I SAID!
QUICK!

OW!
PLEASE...I
HAVE A
DEADEND
TO
MEET!



WHERE ARE
WE GOING?
WHAT ARE
YOU G...GOING
T...TO
DO?

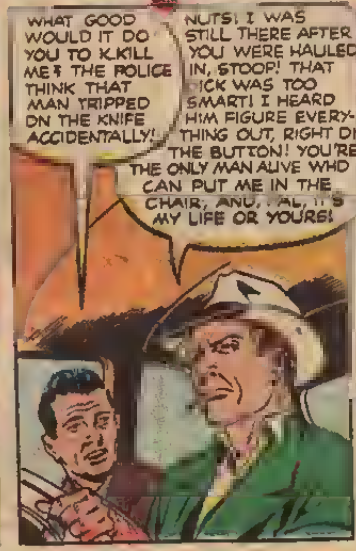
WHAT DO YOU
THINK? I'M GOING
TO STOP YOU
FROM RUNNING
OFF AT THE
MOUTH!

THAT'S WHAT
I SAID, NOLAN...
A BIG, RED-
HEADED GUY
CAME IN, PAID
WYATT'S FINE
AND LEFT! SO
I RELEASED
WYATT, AND HE
WALKED OUT
OF HERE ONLY
A FEW MINUTES
AGO!

OH, NO, MCLOUD! A
HUNDRED-TO-ONE
THE RED-HEAD WAS
WAITING FOR HIM
OUTSIDE! MCLOUD,
YOU DELIVERED
THAT POOR GUY
RIGHT INTO THE HANDS
OF A KILLER! ALERT
ALL PROWL CARS!
I WILL TRY TO LOCATE THAT
GREEN COUPE THAT
PULLED AWAY JUST
AS WE ARRIVED!



I DIDN'T KNOW HOW, BUT
THAT RED-HEAD MUST'VE
FOUND OUT THAT WYATT
COULD PUT THE FINGER
ON HIM! NOW, I EITHER
FIND A KILLER OR I
LOSE A WITNESS...
YEAH, AND WYATT
LOSES HIS LIFE!



WHAT GOOD
WOULD IT DO
YOU TO KILL
ME? THE POLICE
THINK THAT
MAN TRIPPED
ON THE KNIFE
ACCIDENTALLY!

NUTS! I WAS
STILL THERE AFTER
YOU WERE HAULED
IN, STOOP! THAT
FICK WAS TOO
SMART! I HEARD
HIM FIGURE EVERY-
THING OUT, RIGHT ON
THE BUTTON! YOU'RE
THE ONLY MAN ALIVE WHO
CAN PUT ME IN THE
CHAIR, AND...AL, IT'S
MY LIFE OR YOURS!



HEY! LET GO
THAT WHEEL OR
I'LL RAM YOUR
TEETH DOWN
YOUR
THROAT!

GO
AHEAD! I
WON'T BE
ANY
WORSE
OFF!



WHAT'S THE MATTER
WITH YOU, COWBOY...
DIDN'T YOU SEE MY
HAND SIGNAL?

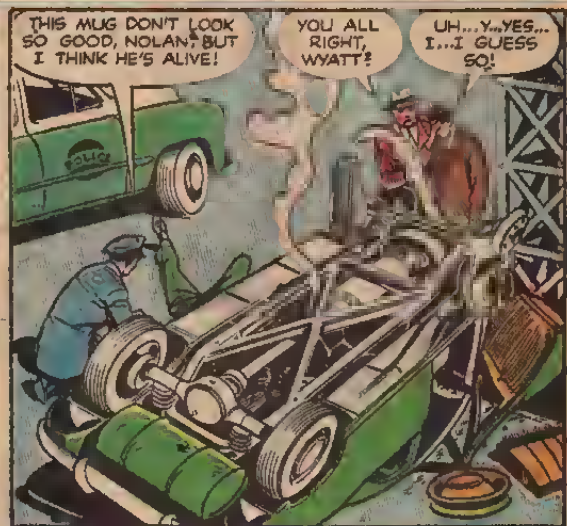
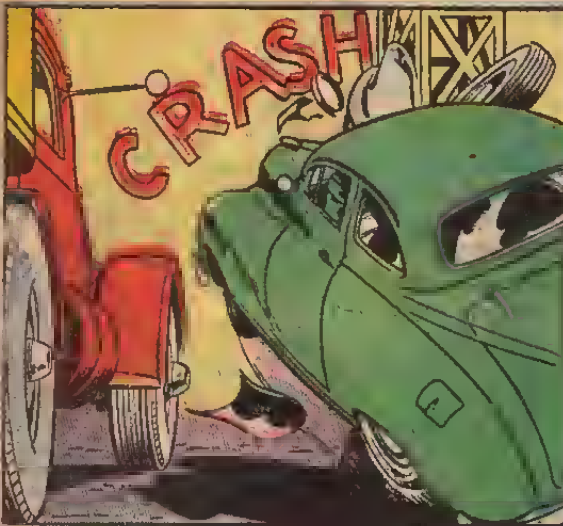
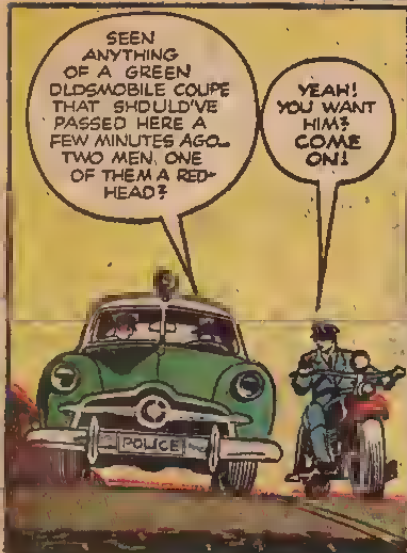
SORRY, OFFICER, I WAS
REACHING FOR A CIGARETTE,
AND I GUESS I LOST CONTROL!
IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN!



A 1950 OLDSMOBILE CLUB
COUPE, GREEN? YEAH, I
STOPPED ONE A FEW MINUTES
AGO FOR GOING PAST MY HAND
SIGNAL...IT WENT ONTO THE
RAMP HIGHWAY...HEADED
DOWNTOWN, NOLAN!

THANKS, BYRNES!
HANG ON, KENYON...
I'M GOING TO OPEN
HER UP WIDE!

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THE RED-HEADED KILLER WAS TAKEN BY AMBULANCE TO A HOSPITAL PRISON WARD! CYRIL WYATT WAS RUSHED TO POLICE HEAD-QUARTERS, WHERE, AFTER DICTATING A STATEMENT, HE ASKED IF HE COULD BORROW A TYPEWRITER AND SOME PAPER...

WELL, CYRIL, YOU DESERVE A GOOD DEAL OF CREDIT FOR THE CAPTURE OF THAT MURDERER! YOUR TESTIMONY I WILL SEND HIM TO THE CHAIR! ER... I HOPE I'M NOT DISTURBING YOU! ANYTHING I CAN DO?



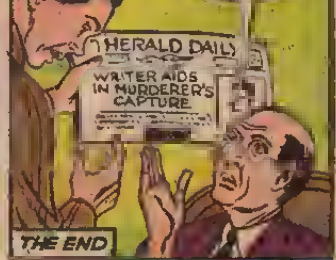
THAT FOLLOWING MORNING WYATT WAS AT THE GLOBE BROADCASTING COMPANY'S OFFICES, EAGERLY WAITING FOR EDITOR ROGER CONWAY'S OPINION OF THE MOST REALISTIC, THE MOST VIVID TELEVISION SCRIPT HE HAD EVER WRITTEN...

WELL, MR. CONWAY... WYATT, ARE YOU KIDDING? THIS IS THE SAME OLD HACKED OUT BALONEY! DO YOU EXPECT A TELEVISION AUDIENCE TO BELIEVE IN THIS HOKUM? 'CASE OF THE RED-HEADED KILLER', INDEED! I'M SORRY, BUT...



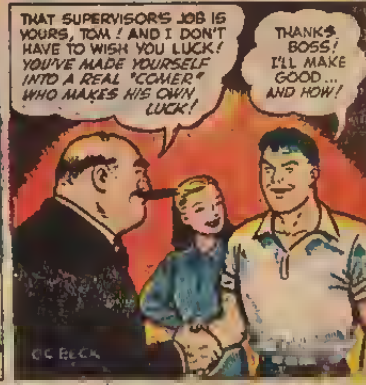
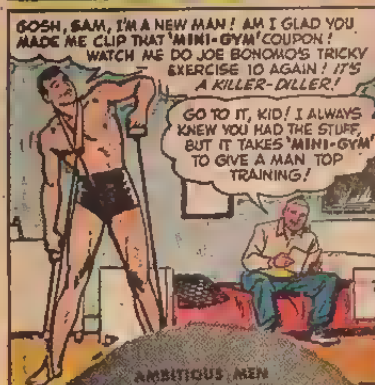
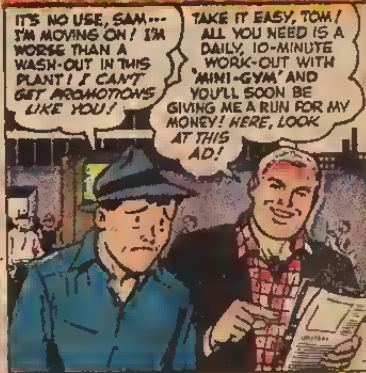
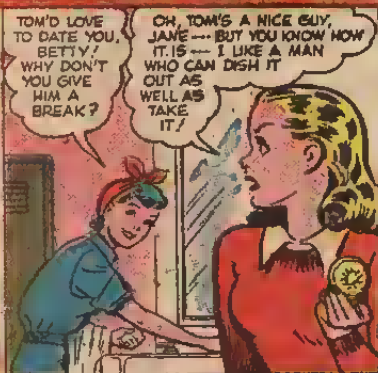
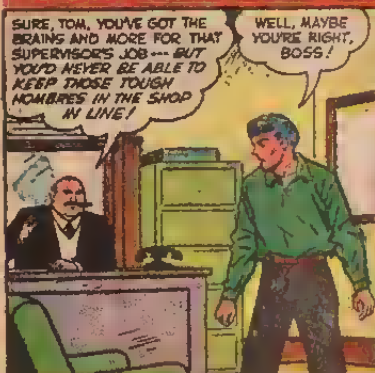
BALONEY? HOKUM? YOU WANTED LIVING STUFF, CONWAY! IT'S HERE! I PULLED THE EMERGENCY CORD! I WAS IN THAT APARTMENT! YOU ASK NOLAN... I WAS ALMOST KILLED AT THE CANAL STREET LIFE!

COME NOW, DON'T QUOTE NEWS-PAPER REPORTS TO ME! THAT'S THE LAST REFUGE OF THE WRITER WITHOUT IDEAS! BESIDES, WE'RE REPLACING YOUR PROGRAM WITH A SOAP OPERA!



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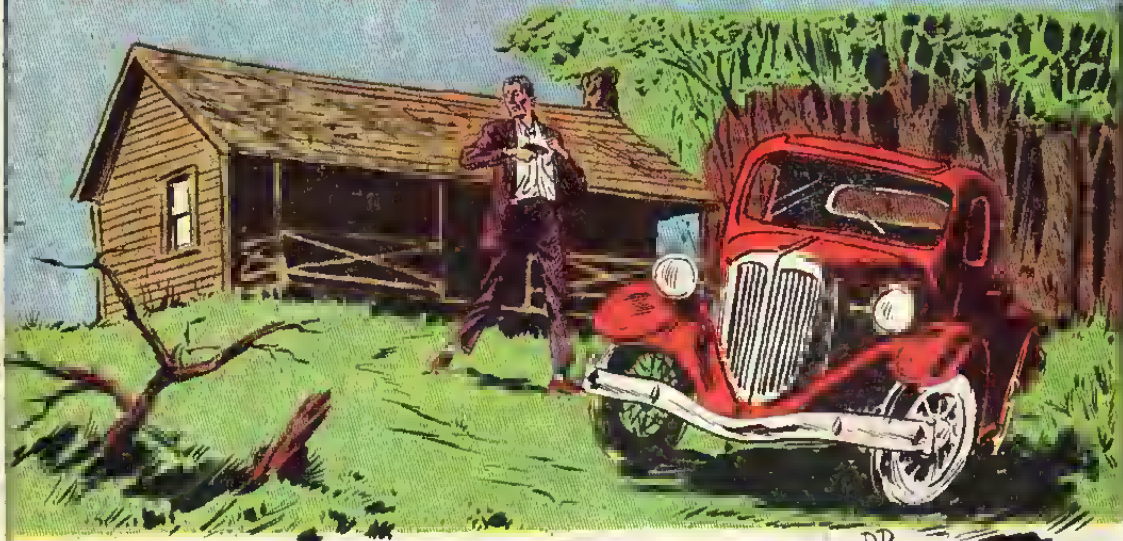
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LONESOME CONROY looked off through the pine woods and smiled as he saw the first tints of dawn. The sun was rising in Rhode Island, but already its glint was reaching Conroy's summer cabin, just across the Connecticut border. By sunset, Lonesome Conroy would be in Ohio, in the neighborhood of Youngstown. He was sure he could make it in his souped-up jalopy, which in 1938 was the common term for a present-day hot-rod.

This was Wednesday, September twenty-first. From sunrise to sunset was a matter of eleven hours, but of course daylight itself would stretch further. Lonesome intended to study all such details during his trip, because later he was going to claim that he made the drive, not on Wednesday, but on Thursday, the twenty-second. Thereby, Lonesome would have a perfect alibi for things that were going to happen in the Midwest, around Wednesday midnight.

Now, Lonesome's task was to build an alibi here in Connecticut. First, he lighted his oil lamp, on the corner table. It wouldn't be visible in the daylight, but with dusk, along toward seven-thirty, Daylight Time, its glimmer would travel through the trees and be seen across the ravine by the Robinsons, who lived on the other side. At about ten thirty p.m., the lamp would go out because its supply of oil would be exhausted.

Still, the lamp wouldn't be empty. In it, Lone-

some had already poured some heavier, non-inflammable cleaning fluid, to force up the oil level. When he returned to the cabin — probably with witnesses — Lonesome would be able to shake the lamp and find that it wasn't empty.

Next, Lonesome went to the fireplace. He stirred the ashes and uncovered glowing embers. He took some dampened newspapers, crumpled them in the fireplace, stacked kindling and logs upon them. Toward noon, the papers would be dried by the heat from the embers and the fire would catch. Old Harper, the winier caretaker, would see the smoke from his house on the hill and know that Mr. Conroy must be at home. Having once been a fire-ranger, old Harper never failed to notice chimney smoke.

The dawn was gaining the early gray that suited Lonesome's next move. He stepped outside, locked the cabin, and got into his waiting car. He coasted down the quarter-mile road through the woods, past the stone house by the sawmill. The momentum carried Lonesome on through a covered bridge, which he took at such a snail's pace that not a single board rattled. Then Lonesome let the motor throb.

The sawmill crew lived in the stone house. None of them would remember hearing a car go by before dawn. After that, they'd be working all day at the saw-mill and could testify that Lonesome hadn't passed. This would fit with his-

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future story that he left around Wednesday midnight, a time when the sawmill workers would be down in the town, drinking.

There was one final touch. Lonesome took a five mile detour, crossed an R.F.D. route where the carrier had already passed with the morning mail. He found an empty box; in it, he placed a letter which he had addressed to New York. That letter would be picked up so late in the afternoon that it wouldn't go out from the town of Cranberry until Thursday morning. The post-mark would be Lonesome's clincher as an alibi.

What happened from then on belongs to the official record. Lonesome Conroy drove all day to Youngstown, Ohio, where he switched cars and drove by night to Michigan. There he blew a safe in a state bank; made off with the loot and headed south to Indiana, pulled another one-man job and doubled East, after switching cars again. Near Youngstown, he picked up his original car at the spot where he had stashed it, and slept in it from Thursday dawn until mid-afternoon.

Then, still showing the signs of considerable travel, Lonesome Conroy drove into Youngstown, to an address he had previously used there. He didn't bother to pick up a newspaper and he had been careful not to have a radio in his car. A man whose mind was on driving only, wouldn't want to be bothered with such things. Hence Lonesome seemed quite justified in his surprise when he found Bob Melville of the F.B.I. awaiting him. Lonesome had rather expected it would be Melville:

"Let's hear your alibi, Lonesome," began Melville. "I know you're pulling the same old dodge: Cracking a couple of jobs you'd already cased, pulling into a place where you've been expected, playing innocent and all that..."

"Lay off, Melville," broke in Lonesome. "Can't a guy go straight without being hounded? You talk like I was Public Enemy Number One."

"You might be," retorted Melville, "if you went in for mobs like Dillinger, Floyd and Karpis. But you'd rather play it alone on small jobs than risk somebody squealing."

"Look, Melville," Lonesome began a glib, persuasive line, "I came here to Youngstown hoping for a job. I've been taking it easy all summer, quiet like. Living in a summer cabin in Connecticut, right near the Rhode Island line."

Melville showed bright interest.

"So you can duck into either state?" he

queried.

"There you go again," returned Lonesome. "Get on the phone, why don't you, and call Cranberry, Connecticut. Talk to old Harper, who takes care of the summer cabins. He'll tell you I was there all day Wednesday. Ask for the Robinsons; they'll know I was home all Wednesday evening. Maybe some of the boys at the sawmill will remember my driving past there about midnight. I saw some of them in town when I stopped at the post office to mail a letter. Say! That letter couldn't have gone out on the late mail. It'll be postmarked Thursday in case you want proof I was there!"

Lonesome Conroy saw Melville looking at him narrowly and stopped.

"Haven't you seen the papers, Conroy?" Something about the way he spoke startled Lonesome. He lighted a cigar, slowly. No, nothing could be wrong, and yet...? Melville went inside and picked up the receiver of the boardinghouse phone. Lonesome went out on the porch and sat down.

Fifteen minutes later Melville joined him. The F.B.I. man's face was grim. A pair of handcuffs jangled from his hand. Lonesome's eyes went wild as he saw them. Something *had* gone wrong!

"We may not have the proof to convict you, Conroy," Melville told him, "but that's up to the prosecutor. Your alibi's a bust!"

"No," Lonesome said, shrilly. "I was there! I've got proof!"

Melville shook his head slowly. "You lie, Conroy. There was a hurricane, and a tidal wave on the coast. It struck about 5 o'clock in the afternoon on Wednesday. Your cabin isn't even *there*! Harper and the Robinsons are missing. There's no sawmill and no post office—just kindling wood. Shall we go?"

The handcuffs clicked on Lonesome's wrists. They sounded like the crack of doom. He stared at them in disbelief. This *couldn't* be true! *It couldn't!* Melville was tricking him!

"As I said, Lonesome," Melville continued, "you aren't convicted yet—but if you should be, you'll find Alcatraz a lot safer than that cabin you had in the Connecticut woods! And after all, that Michigan job was clever. I don't see how anybody but you *could* have pulled it. Come on. Let's get going."

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I HAVE IT! THANK YOU JUST THE SAME!

OH, I BEG YOU PARDON, MISS—UH?



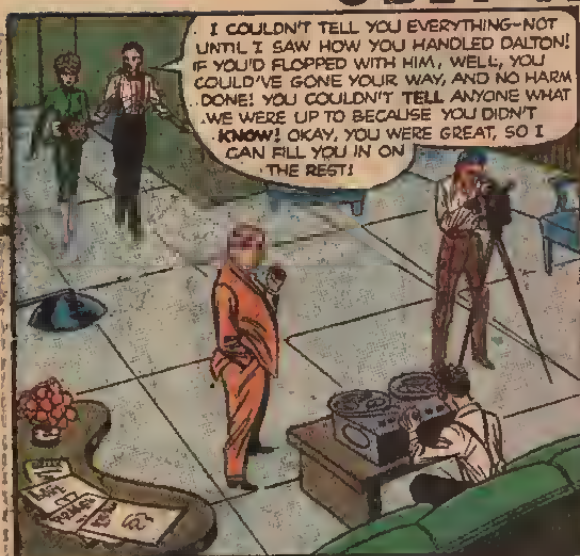
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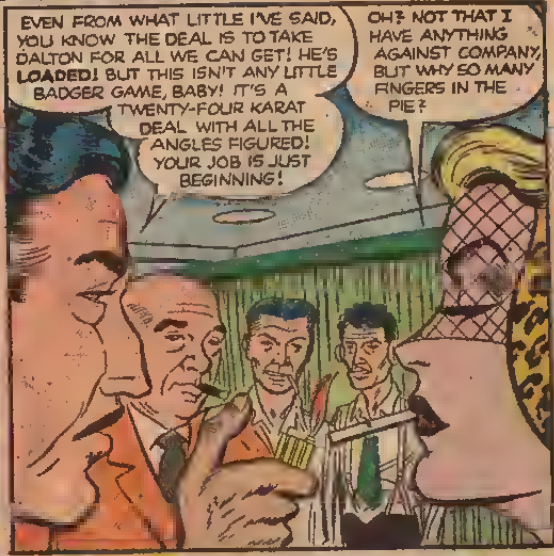
HALF AN HOUR LATER, AT MARK EDWARDS'S APARTMENT...



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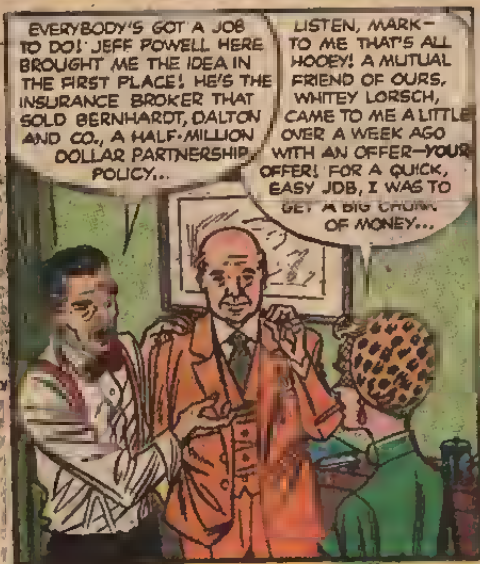


I COULDN'T TELL YOU EVERYTHING—NOT UNTIL I SAW HOW YOU HANDLED DALTON! IF YOU'D FLOPPED WITH HIM, WELL, YOU COULD'VE GONE YOUR WAY, AND NO HARM DONE! YOU COULDN'T TELL ANYONE WHAT WE WERE UP TO BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T KNOW! OKAY, YOU WERE GREAT, SO I CAN FILL YOU IN ON THE REST!



EVEN FROM WHAT LITTLE I'VE SAID, YOU KNOW THE DEAL IS TO TAKE DALTON FOR ALL WE CAN GET! HE'S LOADED! BUT THIS ISN'T ANY LITTLE BADGER GAME, BABY! IT'S A TWENTY-FOUR KARAT DEAL WITH ALL THE ANGLES FIGURED! YOUR JOB IS JUST BEGINNING!

OH? NOT THAT I HAVE ANYTHING AGAINST COMPANY, BUT WHY SO MANY FINGERS IN THE PIE?

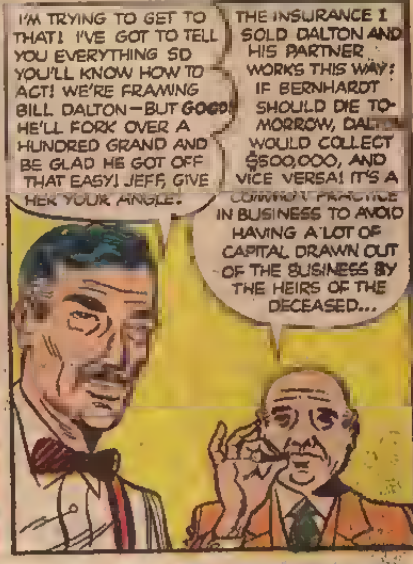


EVERYBODY'S GOT A JOB TO DO! JEFF POWELL HERE BROUGHT ME THE IDEA IN THE FIRST PLACE! HE'S THE INSURANCE BROKER THAT SOLD BERNHARDT, DALTON AND CO., A HALF-MILLION DOLLAR PARTNERSHIP POLICY...

LISTEN, MARK—TO ME THAT'S ALL HOOEY! A MUTUAL FRIEND OF OURS, WHITEY LORSCH, CAME TO ME A LITTLE OVER A WEEK AGO WITH AN OFFER—YOUR OFFER! FOR A QUICK, EASY JOB, I WAS TO GET A BIG CROWN OF MONEY...

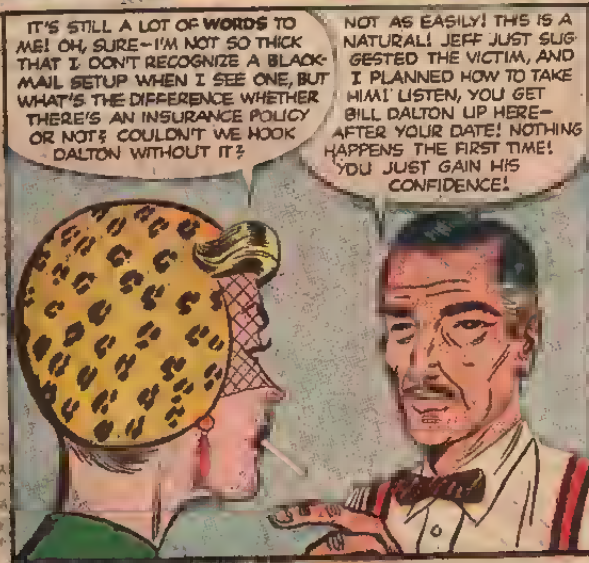


I NEEDED MONEY IN A HURRY! A WEEK HAS PASSED! I HAVEN'T SEEN A CENT! WHAT I WANT TO KNOW IS HOW MUCH DO I GET, AND WHEN DO I GET IT?



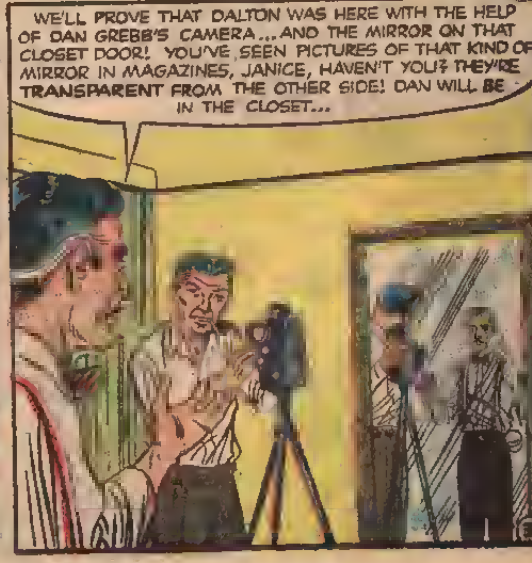
I'M TRYING TO GET TO THAT! I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU EVERYTHING SO YOU'LL KNOW HOW TO ACT! WE'RE FRAMING BILL DALTON—BUT GOOD! HE'LL FORK OVER A HUNDRED GRAND AND BE GLAD HE GOT OFF THAT EASY! JEFF, GIVE MEK YOUR ANGLE.

THE INSURANCE I SOLD DALTON AND HIS PARTNER WORKS THIS WAY! IF BERNHARDT SHOULD DIE TOMORROW, DALTON WOULD COLLECT \$500,000, AND VICE VERSA! IT'S A COMMON PRACTICE IN BUSINESS TO AVOID HAVING A LOT OF CAPITAL DRAWN OUT OF THE BUSINESSES BY THE HEIRS OF THE DECEASED...



IT'S STILL A LOT OF WORDS TO ME! OH, SURE—I'M NOT SO THICK THAT I DON'T RECOGNIZE A BLACK-MAIL SETUP WHEN I SEE ONE, BUT WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE WHETHER THERE'S AN INSURANCE POLICY OR NOT? COULDN'T WE HOOK DALTON WITHOUT IT?

NOT AS EASILY! THIS IS A NATURAL! JEFF JUST SUGGESTED THE VICTIM, AND I PLANNED HOW TO TAKE HIM! LISTEN, YOU GET BILL DALTON UP HERE—AFTER YOUR DATE! NOTHING HAPPENS THE FIRST TIME! YOU JUST GAIN HIS CONFIDENCE!



WE'LL PROVE THAT DALTON WAS HERE WITH THE HELP OF DAN GREBB'S CAMERA... AND THE MIRROR ON THAT CLOSET DOOR! YOU'VE SEEN PICTURES OF THAT KIND OF MIRROR IN MAGAZINES, JANICE, HAVEN'T YOU? THEY'RE TRANSPARENT FROM THE OTHER SIDE! DAN WILL BE IN THE CLOSET...

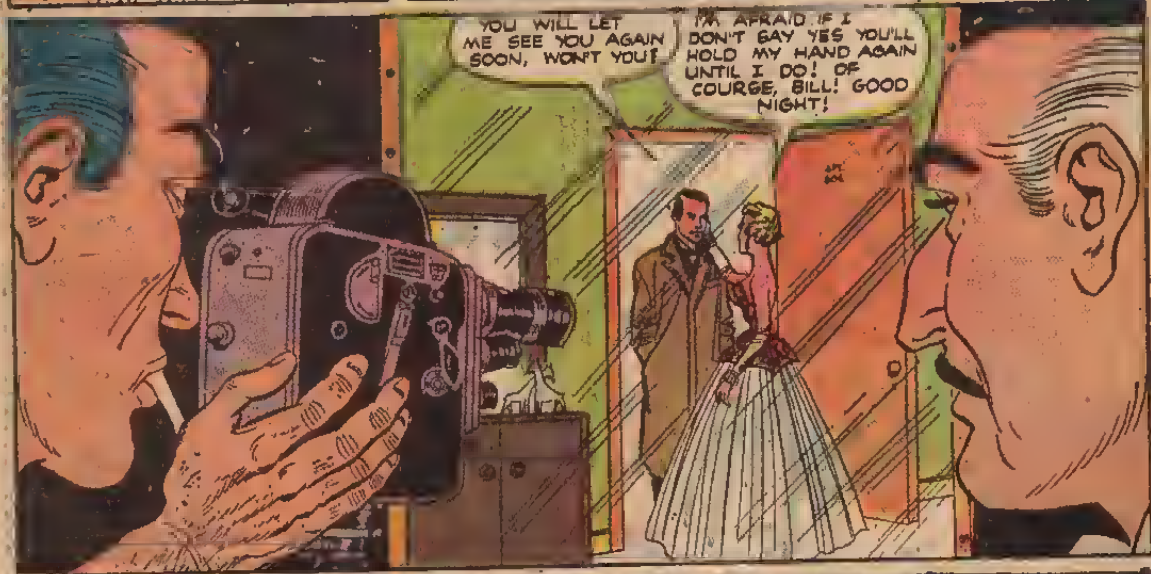
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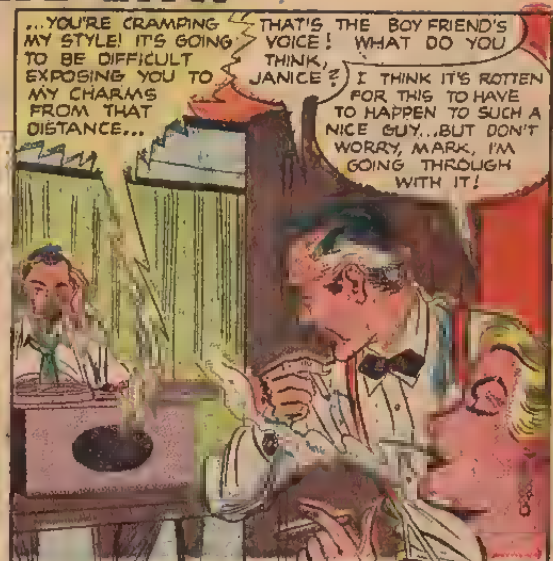
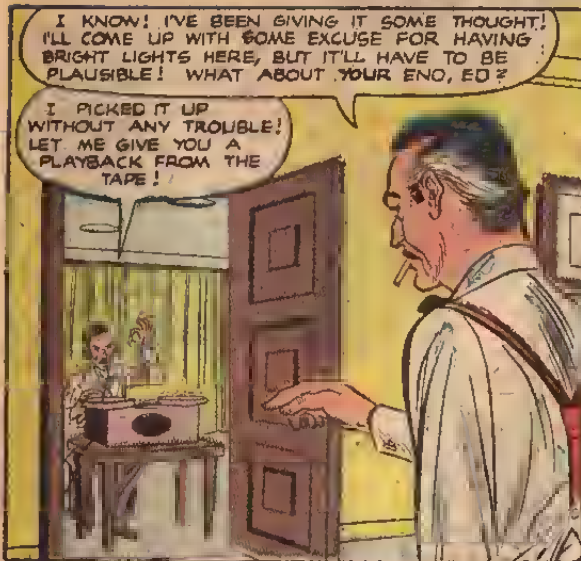
BILL DALTON LOST NO TIME CALLING JANICE! SHE HEARD FROM HIM THE NEXT MORNING, AND THAT EVENING THEY WENT TO THE CLUB TRIANON, WHERE, UNDER THE WATCHFUL EYE OF MARK EDWARDS, HIS PRETTY PROTEGE PLAYED HER ROLE CONVINCINGLY...



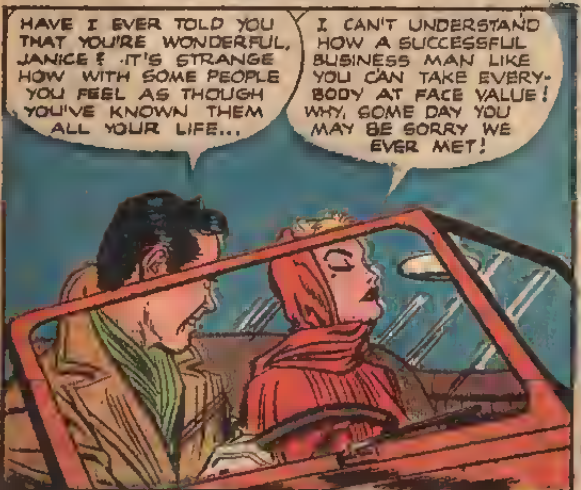
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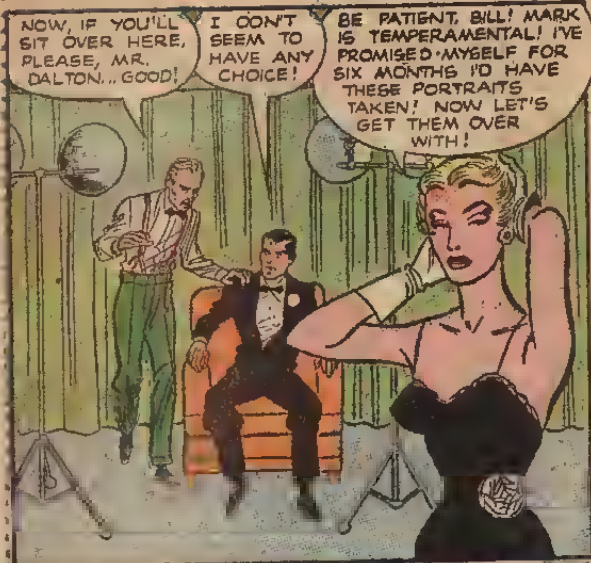
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THE TRAP WAS SET! A FEW NIGHTS LATER BILL AND JANICE WENT OUT AGAIN! AND AGAIN, HE RETURNED TO THE APARTMENT...



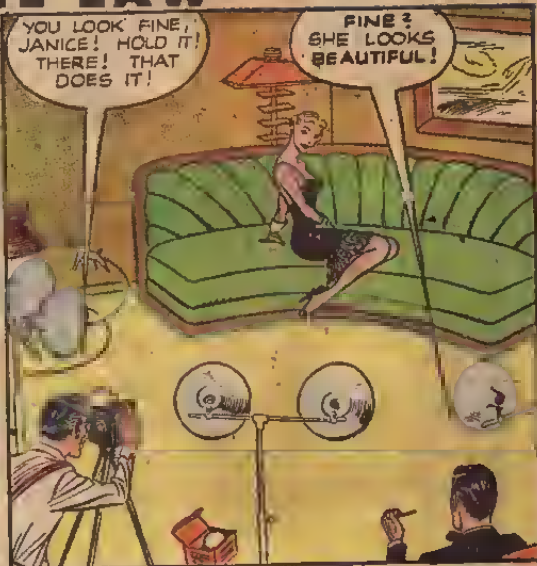
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NOW, IF YOU'LL SIT OVER HERE, PLEASE, MR. DALTON... GOOD!

I DON'T SEEM TO HAVE ANY CHOICE!

BE PATIENT, BILL! MARK IS TEMPERAMENTAL! I'VE PROMISED MYSELF FOR SIX MONTHS I'D HAVE THESE PORTRAITS TAKEN! NOW LET'S GET THEM OVER WITH!



YOU LOOK FINE, JANICE! HOLD IT! THERE! THAT DOES IT!

FINE? SHE LOOKS BEAUTIFUL!



IF YOU'RE FINISHED, EDWARDS. OLD MAN, WOULD YOU MIND DOUSING THOSE LIGHTS? THEY'RE STRONG ENOUGH TO FLOOD AN AIRFIELD!

AAH, YOU GET USED TO THEM! TAKING PHOTOS SEEMS EASY, DOES IT NOT? BUT IT'S VERY TIRESOME... AND FOR ME AT LEAST, NOT SO PROFITABLE! BY THE WAY, DID I UNDERSTAND CORRECTLY THAT YOU'RE THE OLD DALTON, OF DALTON AND BERNHARDT COMPANY?

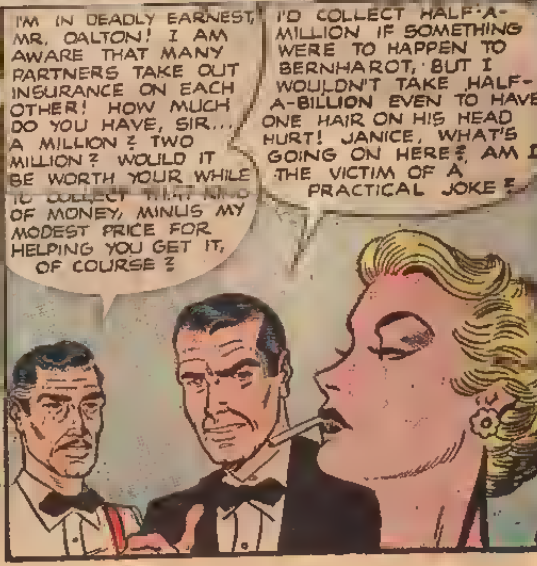


YES, I'M BILL DALTON, OF BERNHARDT, DALTON AND COMPANY! IN AS MUCH AS HE FOUNDED THE COMPANY, WE DO MY PARTNER THE HONOR OF PLACING HIS NAME BEFORE MINE! NOW, DO I SMELL A BUSINESS PROPOSITION COMING UP? I WON'T SIT FOR MY PORTRAIT, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU HAVE IN MIND! I'VE TAKEN TOO MANY CAMERAS DONE THAT!



I DO HAVE A BUSINESS PROPOSITION, MR. DALTON! I'M A POOR MAN, SO PLEASE TAKE WHAT I SAY SERIOUSLY! I'LL COME RIGHT TO THE POINT! WHAT WOULD IT BE WORTH TO YOU TO HAVE YOUR PARTNER MURDERED?

IS THIS MAN CLOWNING, JANICE? I WOULDN'T WANT VINCENT BERNHARDT MURDERED EVEN IF HE WEREN'T MY BEST FRIEND! OH, I CAN TAKE A RIB, EDWARDS... THIS JUST DOESN'T STRIKE ME AS BEING VERY FUNNY!



I'M IN DEADLY EARNEST, MR. DALTON! I AM AWARE THAT MANY PARTNERS TAKE OUT INSURANCE ON EACH OTHER! HOW MUCH DO YOU HAVE, SIR... A MILLION? TWO MILLION? WOULD IT BE WORTH YOUR WHILE TO COLLECT THAT KIND OF MONEY, MINUS MY MODEST FEE FOR HELPING YOU GET IT, OF COURSE?

I'D COLLECT HALF A MILLION IF SOMETHING WERE TO HAPPEN TO BERNHARDT, BUT I WOULDN'T TAKE HALF A-BILLION EVEN TO HAVE ONE HAIR ON HIS HEAD HURT! JANICE, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? AM I THE VICTIM OF A PRACTICAL JOKE?

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BILL,
I WANT
TO
TELL...

I ASSURE YOU THIS'S NO JOKE! I
NEED MONEY, AND I NEED IT BADLY!
I'M WILLING TO GET RID OF YOUR
PARTNER FOR YOU! YOU'RE A
BUSINESS MAN! SURELY, IT'S
WORTH SOMETHING...



IT WOULD BE WORTH PLENTY TO ME TO HAVE
YOU PUT BEHIND BARS! JANICE, I'M SURE YOU
DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS! I'LL
CALL YOU TOMORROW!



BY GOSH,
DALTON COULDN'T
HAVE DONE BETTER
IF I'D
REHEARSED
HIM FOR IT! HOW
DO YOU THINK IT
LOOKED, DAN?

TERRIFIC! BUT GET OVER
THERE, MARK—I WANT
TO TAKE THOSE SHOTS
WE TALKED ABOUT! WHEN
I'M THROUGH DUBBING
YOU IN WITH DALTON,
EVEN HE WILL BE CON-
VINCED THAT YOU
ORDERED HIM OUT OF
THE APARTMENT!



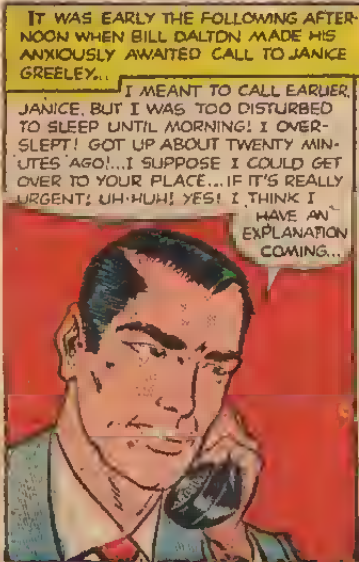
MR. DALTON, I'VE HEARD
QUITE ENOUGH FROM YOU!
OF ALL THE VILE DEALS EVER
OFFERED TO A MAN, I CAN'T
IMAGINE ANY WORSE THAN
YOURS! LET ME WARN YOU—
IF ANYTHING SHOULD
HAPPEN TO MR. BERN-
HARDT, I'LL GO STRAIGHT
TO THE POLICE!

CUT!
THAT
OUGHT
TO DO
IT,
MARK!

WELL, WHAT
ABOUT IT
BOYS? CAN IT
BE READY BY
TOMORROW
AFTERNOON?

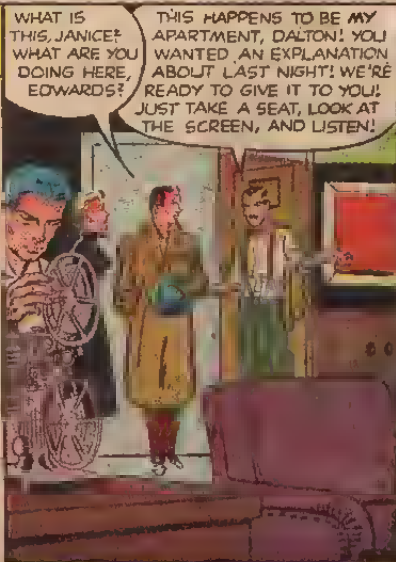
I CAN, EASILY! EDITING WILL
BE THE HARDEST PART OF
IT! PUTTING IT ON A DIS-
C WILL BE A CINCH!

IT WILL TAKE ALL
NIGHT—AND TO-
MORROW MORNING
BUT FOR TEN
GRAND IT'LL BE
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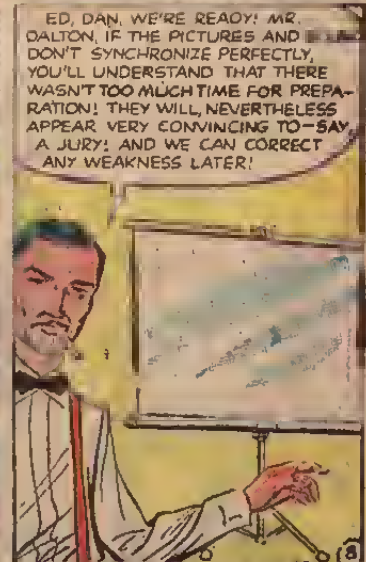
IT WAS EARLY THE FOLLOWING AFTER-
NOON WHEN BILL DALTON MADE HIS
ANXIOUSLY AWAITED CALL TO JANICE
GREELEY...

I MEANT TO CALL EARLIER,
JANICE, BUT I WAS TOO DISTURBED
TO SLEEP UNTIL MORNING! I OVER-
SLEPT! GOT UP ABOUT TWENTY MIN-
UTES AGO!...I SUPPOSE I COULD GET
OVER TO YOUR PLACE...IF IT'S REALLY
URGENT: UH-HUH! YES! I THINK I
HAVE AN
EXPLANATION
COMING...



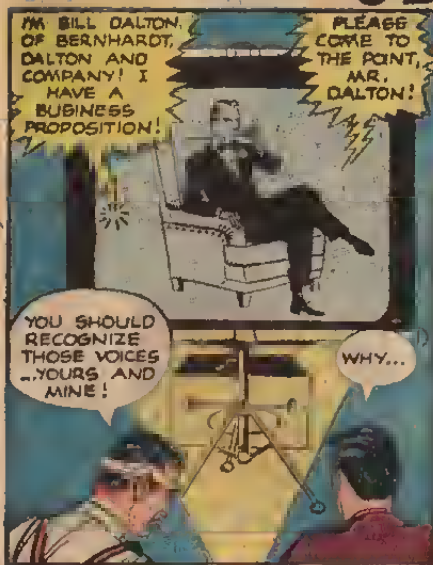
WHAT IS
THIS, JANICE?
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING HERE,
EDWARDS?

THIS HAPPENS TO BE MY
APARTMENT, DALTON! YOU
WANTED AN EXPLANATION
ABOUT LAST NIGHT! WE'RE
READY TO GIVE IT TO YOU!
JUST TAKE A SEAT, LOOK AT
THE SCREEN, AND LISTEN!



ED, DAN, WE'RE READY! MR.
DALTON, IF THE PICTURES AND
DON'T SYNCHRONIZE PERFECTLY,
YOU'LL UNDERSTAND THAT THERE
WASN'T TOO MUCH TIME FOR PREPA-
RATION! THEY WILL, NEVERTHELESS
APPEAR VERY CONVINCING TO—SAY
A JURY! AND WE CAN CORRECT
ANY WEAKNESS LATER!

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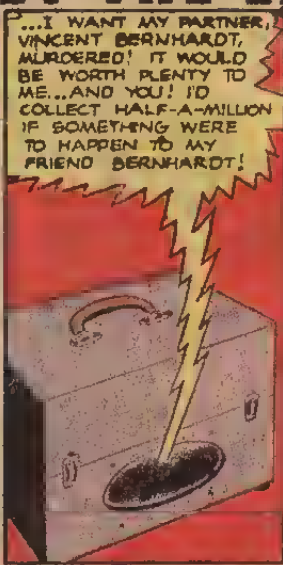


I'M BILL DALTON, OF BERNHARDT, DALTON AND COMPANY! I HAVE A BUSINESS PROPOSITION!

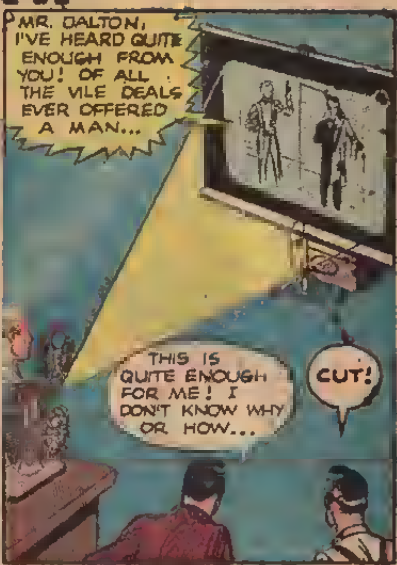
YOU SHOULD RECOGNIZE THOSE VOICES - YOURS AND MINE!

PLEASE COME TO THE POINT, MR. DALTON!

WHY...



...I WANT MY PARTNER, VINCENT BERNHARDT, MURDERED! IT WOULD BE WORTH PLENTY TO ME...AND YOU! I'D COLLECT HALF-A-MILLION IF SOMETHING WERE TO HAPPEN TO MY FRIEND BERNHARDT!



MR. DALTON, I'VE HEARD QUITE ENOUGH FROM YOU! OF ALL THE VILE DEALS EVER OFFERED A MAN...

THIS IS QUITE ENOUGH FOR ME! I DON'T KNOW WHY OR HOW...

CUT!



CONVINCING, EH, DALTON? I KNOW YOU'RE A BUSY MAN, AND YOUR TIME IS VALUABLE, SO I'LL PUT IT RIGHT ON THE LINE! MR. DALTON, YOU CAN BUY ALL THAT EVIDENCE FOR ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS!

I SEE! BLACKMAIL! EVIDENCE, YOU CALL IT! NONSENSE! HOW WOULD YOU EXPLAIN BEING ALL SET UP WITH CAMERAS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT TO GET IT? I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU PULLED THIS STUNT EXACTLY, BUT YOU'VE WASTED YOUR TIME! I WON'T BE BLACKMAILED!



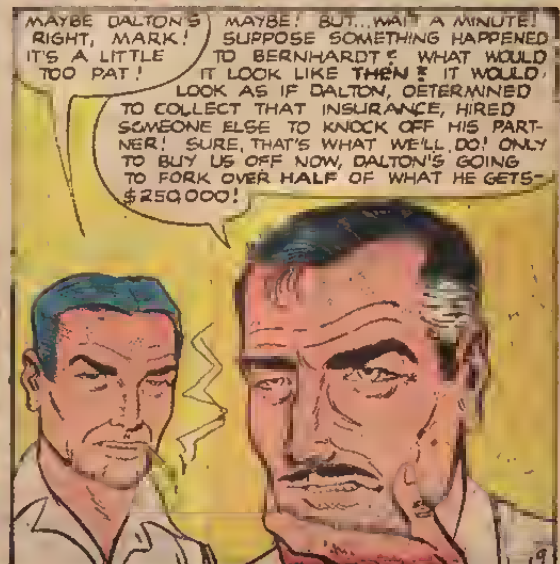
IF SHE HAS TO, JANICE WILL SWEAR THAT YOU ADVANCED THE PROPOSITION TO HER, AND WHEN SHE TOLD ME, I WAS OUTRAGED! AS A PUBLIC SPIRITED CITIZEN, I PREPARED A TRAP FOR YOU...

WELL, HERE'S SOMETHING YOU AREN'T PREPARED FOR, EDWARDS!



DON'T, DAN! HE'LL PAY OFF BEFORE WE'RE THROUGH WITH HIM!

JANICE... THAT'S A GOOD NAME FOR YOU! JANUS WAS A TWO-FACED GOD, WASN'T HE?



MAYBE DALTON'S RIGHT, MARK! IT'S A LITTLE TOO PAT!

MAYBE! BUT... WAIT A MINUTE! SUPPOSE SOMETHING HAPPENED TO BERNHARDT? WHAT WOULD IT LOOK LIKE THEN? IT WOULD LOOK AS IF DALTON, DETERMINED TO COLLECT THAT INSURANCE, HIRED SOMEONE ELSE TO KNOCK OFF HIS PARTNER! SURE, THAT'S WHAT WE'LL DO! ONLY TO BUY US OFF NOW, DALTON'S GOING TO FORK OVER HALF OF WHAT HE GETS - \$250,000!

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NO! YOU WOULDN'T DARE! BLACKMAIL IS BAD ENOUGH, MARK-BUT MURDER! YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH ANYTHING LIKE THAT! I WON'T STAND FOR AN INND-
BEING...

SO YOU REALLY TOOK A HEADER FOR BILL DALTON, DID YOU? WELL, I'VE PUT TOO MUCH INTO THIS, BABY! I'M GOING TO SEE IT THROUGH! EO, SEE THAT THE GIRL FRIEND STAYS PUT TILL WE GET BACK!

CLICK

TWENTY LONG MINUTES PASSED! JANICE TRIED TO REASON WITH EO LOFF...ALL THE MONEY IN THE WORLD WOULD DO HIM NO GOOD IF HE WERE A PARTY TO A MURDER...BUT HER WORDS FELL ON DEAF EARS!

WHAT ARE YOU UP TO, JANICE?

NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS! WHAT WOULD A LADY BE GETTING FROM HER PURSE...

...BUT A GUN! AND I KNOW HOW TO USE IT, DAN, SO STAY WHERE YOU ARE! I'M GOING TO MAKE A PHONE CALL... DON'T TRY TO STOP ME OR I'LL KILL YOU!

YOU'RE A CHUMP, KID! TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY GRAND! THINK OF ALL THAT DOUGH AND WHAT YOU COULD DO WITH YOUR...

HELLO, BILL? JANICE! LISTEN, NO FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE, DON'T MANG UP! THIS IS A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH! I'LL EXPLAIN LATER ABOUT MYSELF...BUT GET THIS! MARK AND DAN ARE ON THEIR WAY TO YOUR OFFICE! THEY'RE GOING TO KILL YOUR PARTNER! YES, I SWEAR I'M TELLING THE TRUTH...

BILL! DID YOU HEAR WHAT I SAID? BILL...

CRACK

VINCENT! VINCENT! GOOD LORD... HE...HE'S DEAD!

DROP IT! THAT'S A GOOD GIRL!

HELP! BILL! HELP!

JANICE, IT'S TOO LATE! VINCENT WAS JUST SHOT DEAD! HELLO, JANICE...WHAT'S THE MATTER? HELLO... HELLO...

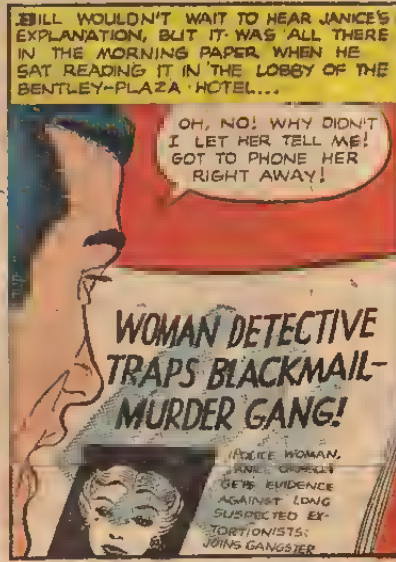
WHEN MARK EDWARDS AND DAN GREBB RETURNED A SHORT TIME LATER...

MARK, SHE PUT US ON A SPOT! PULLED A GUN ON ME AND CALLED DALTON TO WARN HIM WHAT YOU WERE UP TO! I GRABBED HER, BUT NOT IN TIME! SO WHITEY LORECH IS A FRIEND OF YOURS, IS HE? YOU KNOW

SO SHE PLAYED US FOR SUCKERS, EH? WELL, WE TOOK CARE OF BERNHARDT! NOW WE GOT TO DO THE SAME TO HER! SHE'LL NEVER GET THE CHANCE TO TESTIFY AGAINST US! COME ON, WE'RE GOING FOR A LITTLE RIDE!

WHO THAT STOLEME HE PRODUCED YOU TO? A POLICEMAN! YEAH, JANICE IS A COP, COMPLETE WITH BADGE AND IDENTIFICATION!

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ATE!
AW!

SORRY, SIR, NO MESSAGE!
AND I DON'T KNOW WHERE SHE IS! SHE HAS RESIGNED FROM THE DEPARTMENT! SAID SHE INTENDED TO GO ON A LONG VACATION...



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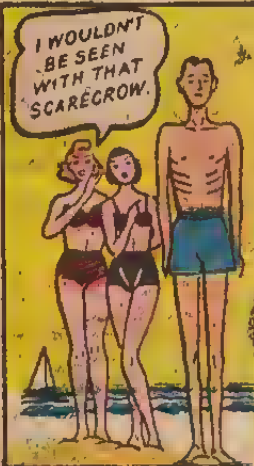


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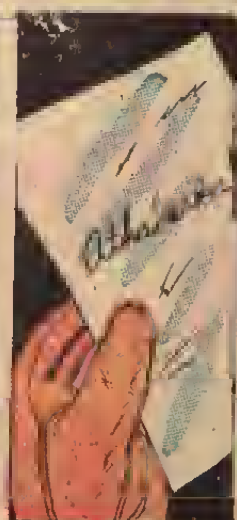
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HURRY, CARTER!
THERE ARE LIGHTS
BEHIND US! I
THINK A CAR IS
TRAILING US!

I'LL GO FASTER,
SIR, BUT IT'S
DANGEROUS
DRIVING!



FASTER,
CARTER,
FASTER!

SEE THAT—
RIGHT
THROUGH
A RED
LIGHT!

HE'S ASKING
FOR A TICKET,
SO WE'D
BETTER
HAND HIM
ONE!



AND THE BOSS
HERE THOUGHT
MAYBE SOME
STICK-UP MEN
WERE
TAILING US!

IF THAT'S
THE CASE,
WE'LL TAG
ALONG
AND
SEE!

I CERTAINLY
WILL
APPRECIATE
IT,
OFFICER!



SHALL I
STOP AT THE
FRONT
DOOR, MR.
THULL?

NO! BETTER GO AROUND TO THE SIDE
DOOR! THE FRONT IS TOO CLOSE TO
MORGAN'S HEDGE! SOMEBODY
MIGHT BE LURKING
THERE!



NO SIGN OF ANYBODY TAGGING AFTER
YOU, MR. THULL! WHAT'S MORE, IT
WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN EASY IN THIS
BLIZZARD! WE HAD ENOUGH TROUBLE
KEEPING YOUR CAR IN SIGHT,
OURSELVES!

THANK YOU,
OFFICER, THANK
YOU VERY
MUCH! I GUESS
IT WAS ALL MY
IMAGINATION!



WHY, MR. THULL! YOU
LOOK DEVASTATED!
WAS THE SNOWSTORM
THAT BAD? WHY DON'T
YOU REST IN THE STUDY
WHILE I HAVE WILLIAM
BRING IN SOME
COFFEE?

I'LL GO IN THE
KITCHEN TO
GET IT, KAREN!
I WANT TO TALK
TO WILLIAM—
AND TO YERKES,
IF HE'S
THERE!



...AND IF
YOU'VE
SEEN
OR
HEARD
ANY
PROWLERS
WILLIAM...

HOW COULD I SEE
OR HEAR ANYBODY
OUTSIDE, MR. THULL,
WHILE I'M IN
THE KITCHEN?
YOU'D BETTER
ASK
YERKES!

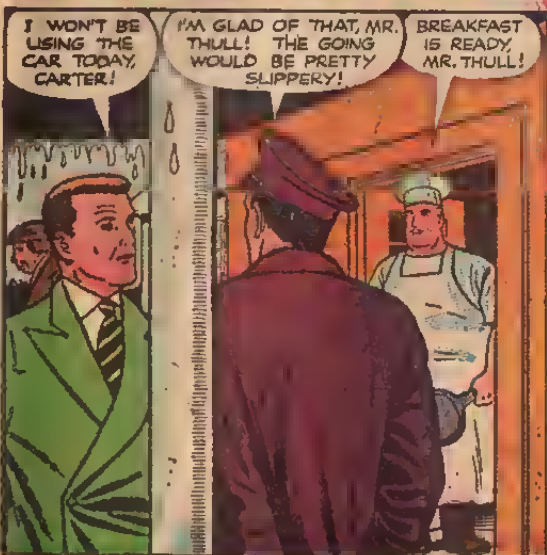
I WAS IN THE
SHED, CHOPPING
WOOD! PROWLERS
MIGHT'VE HEARD
ME, BUT I COULDN'T
HAVE HEARD THEM!
WHO WOULD BE
OUT ON A NIGHT
LIKE THIS,
ANYWAY?



YOU SAY NOBODY WOULD
BE OUT TONIGHT? THEN
WHO'S RINGING THE
FRONT DOOR BELL?

I'LL ANSWER
IT, MR.
THULL!

OBEY THE LAW



OBEDY THE LAW



WELL, I THINK THAT'S ENOUGH DICTATION FOR THIS EVENING... THERE'S THE PHONE—I WONDER WHO THAT COULD BE!

I'LL ANSWER IT, MR. THULL!



THAT'S FUNNY—SOMEBODY JUST SAID, "IT'S GETTING COLDER THAN ATHABASKA!" WHAT COULD THEY MEAN?

LET ME HAVE THAT PHONE!



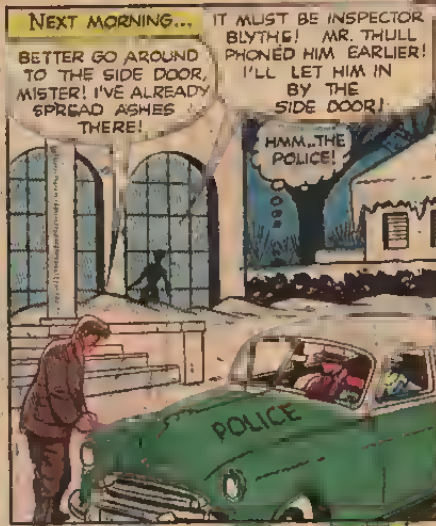
HELLO! HELLO! THEY'VE HUNG UP!

THAT'S WHAT THEY ALWAYS DO WHEN THEY MENTION "ATHABASKA"! I SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU ABOUT IT LAST NIGHT...



SO... THERE HAVE BEEN OTHER CALLS! THAT MEANS MY LIFE IS REALLY AT STAKE! I'M LOCKING THIS ROOM FOR THE NIGHT! THE FIRST THING TOMORROW I'LL ASK FOR POLICE PROTECTION!

BUT... BUT WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?



NEXT MORNING...

BETTER GO AROUND TO THE SIDE DOOR, MISTER! I'VE ALREADY SPREAD ASHES THERE!

IT MUST BE INSPECTOR BLYTHE! MR. THULL PHONED HIM EARLIER! I'LL LET HIM IN BY THE SIDE DOOR!

HMM... THE POLICE!



I'M KAREN KNOX, MR. THULL'S SECRETARY! STEP IN, INSPECTOR! MR. THULL IS ANXIOUS TO SEE YOU!

YOU CAN RETURN TO HEADQUARTERS, BRADY! MR. THULL'S CHAUFFEUR WILL DRIVE ME BACK!

YES, SIR!



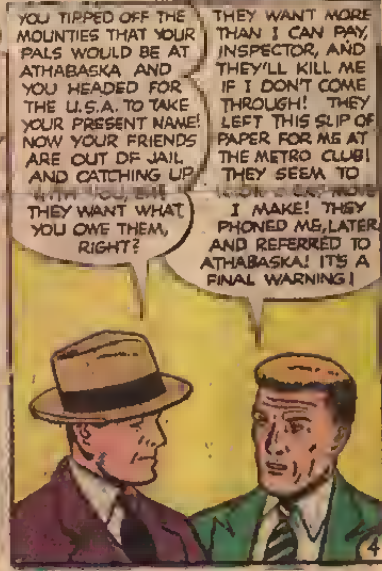
HERE'S THE WHOLE STORY, INSPECTOR! MY NAME ISN'T THULL! IT'S... WELL, YOU DON'T NEED TO KNOW MY RIGHT NAME! SOME YEARS AGO I WAS PROSPECTING IN CANADA—I MEAN, I HAD DEALINGS WITH SEVERAL MEN WE CAN CALL PROSPECTORS...

GO ON!



WELL, TO MAKE IT SHORT WE SEPARATED, AND I WAS TO MEET THEM UP BY LAKE ATHABASKA! INSTEAD, WHEN THEY GOT THERE THEY FOUND THE ROADS WERE WAITING...

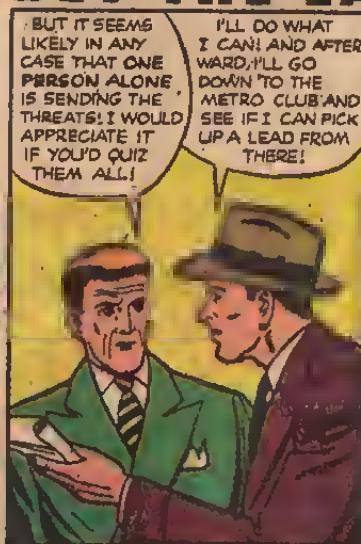
WE HAVE NO JURISDICTION OVER YOUR CANADIAN ACTIVITIES, MR. THULL—UNLESS THE AUTHORITIES UP THERE SHOULD ASK FOR YOUR EXTRADITION! BUT YOU'VE MADE IT VERY PLAIN THAT YOU WERE WORKING WITH A MOB... THEY CROSSED THEM!



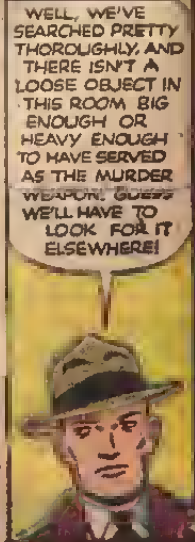
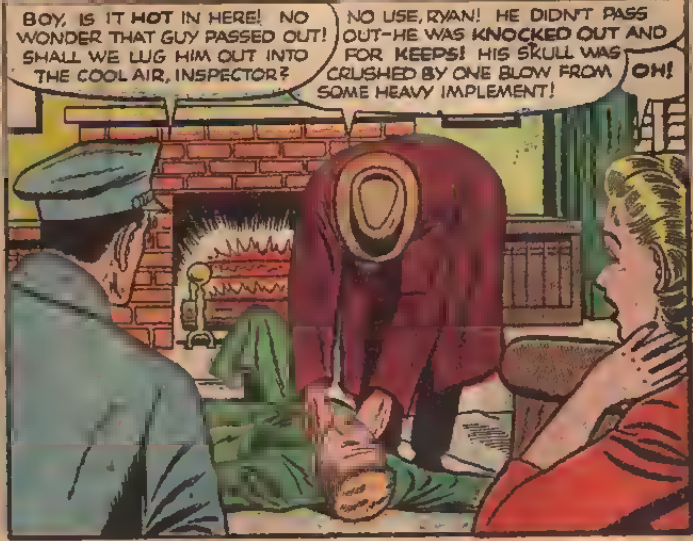
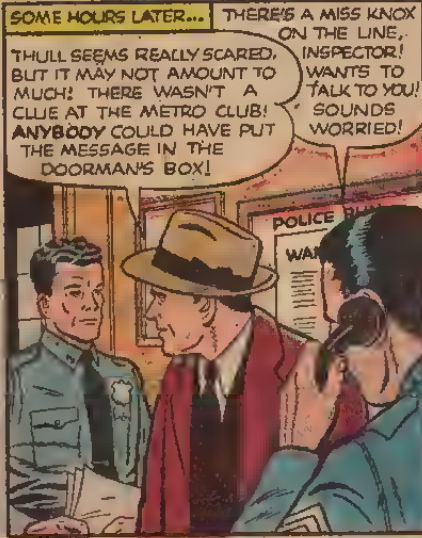
YOU TIPPED OFF THE MOUNTIES THAT YOUR PALS WOULD BE AT ATHABASKA AND YOU HEADED FOR THE U.S.A. TO TAKE YOUR PRESENT NAME! NOW YOUR FRIENDS ARE OUT OF JAIL, AND CATCHING UP WITH YOU, EN! THEY WANT WHAT YOU OWN THEM, RIGHT?

THEY WANT MORE THAN I CAN PAY, INSPECTOR, AND THEY'LL KILL ME IF I DON'T COME THROUGH! THEY LEFT THIS SLIP OF PAPER FOR ME AT THE METRO CLUB! THEY SEEM TO... I MAKE! THEY PHONED ME, LATER, AND REFERRED TO ATHABASKA! IT'S A FINAL WARNING!

OBEY THE LAW



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THE MEAT POUNDER? THERE IT IS! I PUT IT OUT HERE IN THE SHED RIGHT AFTER YOU SPOKE TO ME THIS MORNING, INSPECTOR! I REMEMBER BECAUSE YERKES HAD JUST STARTED TO CHOP WOOD...

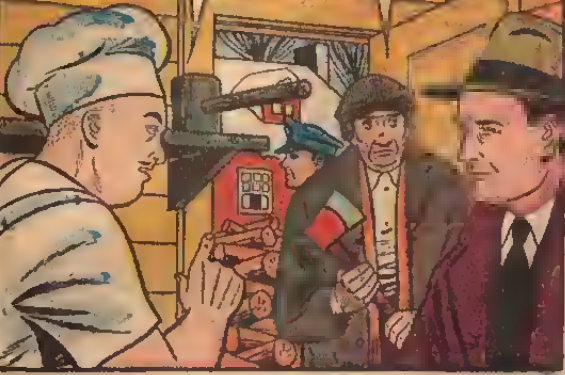
THAT'S RIGHT, INSPECTOR, AND I'VE BEEN AT MY CHOPPING EVER SINCE! YOU ASK WILLIAM HERE IF I HAVEN'T!

I'LL TALK TO MORGAN NEXT!

ALL RIGHT, MORGAN! LET'S HEAR YOUR ALIBI!

HERE'S MY SHOT-GUN AND YOU CAN SEE THAT I DIDN'T USE THE BUTT AS A CLUB! THERE ARE NO MARKS ON IT, AND CERTAINLY NO BLOODSTAINS! I WENT HUNTING RIGHT AFTER YOU LEFT--AND I COULDN'T HAVE KILLED THULL BEFORE, BECAUSE CARTER WAS IN THERE WITH HIM!

HERE COMES CARTER NOW!



YOU SAY SOMEBODY CLUBBED MR. THULL AND KILLED HIM? BUT, INSPECTOR, HE WAS ALIVE WHEN I WENT IN THERE AND YOU SAW ME COME OUT OF THE STUDY AS EMPTY-HANDED AS I AM NOW!

HEADQUARTERS JUST CALLED, INSPECTOR! THE LAB SAYS THOSE WERE JUST WATER-STAINS ON THE FIRESIDE RUG!

LET'S GO INSIDE AND TALK THIS OVER! IT ISN'T AS COMPLICATED AS IT LOOKED!



WHO DUNNIT?



KAREN KNOX, SECRETARY?



GEORGE MORGAN, NEIGHBOR?



WILLIAM, 'THE CHEF'?



CARTER, THE CHAUFFEUR?



YERKES, THE HANDY-MAN?

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO DEDUCT WHO THE CULPRIT IS, TURN THE PAGE UPSIDE DOWN FOR INSPECTOR MORGAN'S SOLUTION!

IT'S TRICK DISCOVERED, CARTER CONFESSED HE WAS THE TOOL OF CROOKS WHO HAD HIRED HIM TO DISPOSE OF THULL, THE DOUBLE CROSSER! HE'S DOING LIFE AS A RESULT!



YOU WERE THE LAST TO SEE MR. THULL ALIVE, CARTER! TO GET RID OF THE DEATH WEAPON, THE MAT STAINED WITH WATER, WAS THE CLUE IT DIRECTED MY ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THE BIGGEST HAD BEEN BROKEN OFF! YOU THOUGHT YOU HAD USED A WEAPON AS LETHAL AS A CLUB, YET WHICH WOULD DISINTEGRATE AND LEAVE NO TRACE! BUT YOU WERE WRONG! TAKE HIM AWAY OFFICER!



YOU COULDN'T HAVE KILLED THULL BEFORE I LEFT, MORGAN, AND THULL HAD BEEN DEAD TOO LONG FOR YOU TO HAVE KILLED HIM AFTER YOU CAME BACK FROM HUNTING! AND YOU'RE CLEAR, KAREN! YOU COULDN'T HAVE TURNED UP THE GAS LOG AFTER THULL SAID HE INTENDED TO TURN IT DOWN, BECAUSE HE HAD LOCKED HIMSELF IN! THAT LEAVES YOU CARTER! YOU ARE THE KILLER!

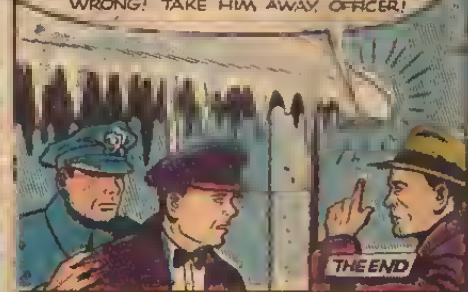


WILKINSON, YOU TWO, BECAUSE YERKES SAW WILLIAM LEAVING THE MEAT POUNDER TO THE WOOD-SHED BEFORE I LEFT, WHILE WILLIAM HEARD YERKES AT HIS WOOD-CHOPPING AT THE APPROXIMATE TIME THE MURDER WAS COMMITTED!

W-ELIMINATING YOU TWO, BECAUSE YERKES SAW WILLIAM BRING THE MEAT POUNDER TO THE WOOD SHED BEFORE I LEFT, WHILE WILLIAM HEARD YERKES AT HIS WOOD CHOPPING AT THE APPROXIMATE TIME THE MURDER WAS COMMITTED!

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IF YOU ARE THE CULPRIT TURN THE PAGE UPSIDE DOWN FOR INSPECTOR BLYTHES' SOLUTION!	CARTER, THE CHAMPEUR? YERKES, THE HANDY-MAN?
WILLIAM, THE CHIEF?	GEORGE MORGAN, NEIGHBOR?
KAREN KNOX, SECRETARY?	GEORGE MORGAN, NEIGHBOR?

WHO DUNNIT?

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NOW!
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Fountain of Lions in the Alhambra

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